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Welcome to Our Newest Young Knights and Families!

I truly hope that you are all ready for the middle school experience at Walter C. Young. This summer was spent sprucing up the classrooms and grounds. Many of you are probably not aware of this, but we are having a new building built on our campus in the NE corner behind the gymnasium. Until it is ready, we will be a bit crowded for a while, but it will be worth the wait.

I am very proud to announce that we have continued our six-year streak of earning an A rating from the state. That is mainly due to the efforts of our fantastic, dedicated teachers and our committed parents as we work together ensuring academic and social success for *all* students.

This letter is to invite you to our Annual New Student Orientation on Wednesday, August 15 in our Dinner Theater. We are scheduling a morning session at 10:00 a.m. and an afternoon session at 2:00 p.m. You only need to attend the session of your choice. At the end of the orientation you will be permitted to walk around campus with your child. All students must be escorted by their parents to walk around. The teachers will be working in their classrooms. I know that many of you will be curious about many things, but please do not stop them from working.

Due to the Jessica Lunsford Act, all parents driving their child to school must use the drop-off at the front of the school only. This will begin on the first day of school and continue throughout the year. We will have staff members out to assist students in finding their classes.

Walter C. Young is a unified dress code school. We require the following attire: collared shirts in any color, pants and long shorts in a cotton/polyester blend in any solid color except white. No jeans, sports clothing, sweats or lycra. Parents, I am thanking you in advance for supporting us in maintaining standards that enable us to focus on academics instead of negative behaviors.

As many of you know, the 2007-08 Student Code of Conduct has many changes in school attire. Know that because we have dress code policy in place, our students will not be permitted to wear such items as unhemmed pants or slacks, backless shoes, etc.

On the first day of school, all students will receive a packet of information to take home for parents to read. Some things will be information purposes only. Other things such as clinic and emergency contact cards, will require parents to read, respond to, and return to the school. Thank you in advance for expeditiously taking care of these housekeeping items for us.

Enjoy the last few weeks of your break. I look forward to meeting many of you at the New Student Orientation on Wednesday, August 15, 2007 at 10:00 or 2:00 in our Dinner Theater.

Sincerely,

Diane W. Hall/Principal

