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Dear New Kindergarten Parents and Families,

Welcome to Lawton Elementary School! We are very pleased that you will be joining our thriving learning community. Lawton is a very special place for children beginning their public school experience. We pride ourselves on offering a warm, caring environment where children can develop in their own unique way and where the adults work to ensure that each child will be successful every day.

Like anything new there are opportunities for discovery and exploration. We believe that a new school with new teachers and friends will be an exciting adventure and we want to work with you to support your child in this process.

Please find a Parent Input Form attached to this letter. There is a brief survey used to inform and help us get to know children and construct balanced Kindergarten classes. This year as well, the input form lets us know if your child will attend Kindergarten Jumpstart this June 17 - 21. Please see the enclosed letter for more information about this opportunity

Return input forms to the main office by May 17th so that we can incorporate this information for student placement.

We will be communicating specific dates and times later this year about our New Student Open House just before school starts. This will allow the children to meet their new teacher and see their new classroom. Families will meet the Principal and the PTA at that time as well. Class lists will be confirmed and posted on the outer main door of school the week before school begins.

In order to allow the children to get to know their classmates, Lawton traditionally begins the year with a “slow start” schedule for Kindergarten students where half the students attend on the first day of school, the other half attend on the next day, and then all students come on the third day. The start day of school has not yet been determined, so we will communicate specifics once we have that information.

Once again, we are so please you and your child will be joining our school community. Please keep updated on our school happenings by looking at our website www.lawtonelementary.org.

Yours truly,

Neil Gerrans
Principal Lawton Elementary