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Save the Dates:

Summer Bridge
program for
students new to
Lyons:
Tuesday -
Thursday,
August 4th - 6th

Third Annual
Community
Potluck
Thursday,
August 6th at
5:00
Everyone
invited. Bring
your favorite

Summer Reading: Cool off with

At Lyons, one of our most important goals is that each student develops a passion for learning. Independent reading – both at home at in school – is one way that we try to help each student develop his or her own interests and passions. This summer, we are asking each student to read at least three complete books and to respond to them in a writing journal. (See attached assignment.)

We know that when young people read and learn over the summer, they continue to build on the learning they have done in school and are better prepared for the following year. Reading for 30 minutes a day this summer will build your child's vocabulary, thinking skills, and stamina.

But perhaps more importantly, the habit of reading every day is one that can bring your child fulfillment for a lifetime. As adults, we

know that reading is a great release from the daily grind, it offers us a way to understand other cultures and worlds, and can help us understand ourselves as well.

You can encourage the habit by reading yourself, talking to your children about what they are reading or taking your children to the library. Encourage them to read whatever they find interesting – the most important thing is that they are reading.

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Ideas and Communication Build Strong

Dear wonderful families,

Lyons has just completed our second year as a school. What an exciting accomplishment. We'd like to take a moment to thank each and every one of you, families and students, for helping to make our second year so remarkable.

While I could list some of the many accomplishments, I'd like to focus on the strong community we have come so far in building. I love how students and families are so vocal in sharing both what they love and would like to change about our school. That is the sign of a strong community that will continue to grow and improve. We need all of you to continue sharing your time, energy and ideas.

There is a real sense that our school community is beginning to feel more like a family with greater trust and willingness to

listen and hear other perspectives. Town meetings, advisories, classes and projects that have focused on change and things folks would like to see change. PTA and other families events, have all allowed students and families to better realize what a fundamental role they play in this school we are all creating together.

We really look forward to continuing this journey together. As you take time to reflect on the school year and have ideas of things you would like to see happen next year, please reach out to us over the summer. Staff will be working the entire summer, planning for the coming year and figuring out what we can do to make our third year our best ever. Your input is always appreciated.

With love, taeko

Why Summer School? Five Simple Reasons...

Stay In Rhythm. When summer comes it's easy to lose our good habits and get **way out of practice**. Going to summer school – and it's not *all summer* – keeps us doing the things and being around the people who keep us successful.

Credit Recovery. High school people, you can make up as much as **4** credits in four weeks! Our teachers will help, and you can put yourself in a better position for September!

Pass Your Regents Exams. You might not have thought of this, but many of us adults take summer to do really important work we don't have time for during the year. High School students, Summer School is a golden opportunity to prepare for and pass Regents exams.

Get Better. That's right, at Summer School you can *get better at school*. Don't you think four weeks is worth it, if it means 10 months of feeling great and successful next year? If you come, we will help!

Fun. That's right, fun.

Important: Two unexcused (2) absences from Summer School will result in your being immediately removed from the program. Absences are excused when you bring in a note from a doctor or other appointment explaining why you did not attend.

Upcoming Dates:

Monday, July 6th – First Day of Summer School

Summer school will run from Monday, July 6th – Friday, July 31st at Van Arsdale Campus (257 North 6th Street) (what are the times??) – students attending have been invited

Summer Bridge: Tuesday, August 4th – Thursday, August 6th 9:00 – 3:00 on Tuesday and Wednesday, 11:00 – 5:00 on Thursday, August 6th

Annual Community Potluck: Thursday, August 6th 5:00

First day of school: Tuesday, September 8th – 8:00 am start time for new students, 12:00 start time for returning students (returning students

