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Greetings to our Gannett Peak Families:

I am delighted to be writing this letter as we begin the 2021-22 school year at Gannett Peak Elementary (GPE), home of the Cougars. I would like to welcome you to a school year filled with new learning and accomplishments for your child! I am fully committed to the success of this outstanding school and it is a true honor to serve our community.

As a parent, whether this is your first time or you're a veteran here at GPE, you most likely have a few questions about routines and procedures as your child starts this coming fall. This letter is to address some of those concerns to hopefully put your mind at ease and make the beginning of the year, for both you and your child, as enjoyable of an experience as possible.

- School starts at 8:00. The tardy bell rings at 8:05. If the time is after 8:05, please drop your child off in front of the building and enter through the front doors. Supervision on the playground begins at 7:45. The cafeteria opens at 7:30 for students who wish to eat breakfast at school. Dismissal is at 3:05, except on Wednesday when we have early dismissal at 2:00.
- You are welcome to join your child for lunch in the cafeteria. Please bring a form of ID to check in at the front office. Lunch times are as follows: Kindergarten 10:50; 1st grade 11:15; 2nd grade 11:40; and 3rd grade 12:05, with recess following all lunch times. In the past, parents could go to recess with their child; however, we have made changes to our safety plan for the upcoming year and ask that parents leave when students are dismissed for recess.
- The first few mornings dropping off your child will possibly be difficult. The first four days of school, August 24-27, parents are able to come inside the fence and say their goodbyes. After that, parents are to say their goodbyes outside the fence. The drop off zone is congested, so we ask that you keep this time short and sweet to give all parents the chance to drop off in an efficient manner. Also, please have your child exit out the right side of your vehicle, which is on the sidewalk side, for everybody's safety.

- Each school day (except on Wednesday, which is 1:55) there is a bell at 3:00 to alert parents that they can come inside the school fence to pick up their child at the dismissal time of 3:05. If your child is getting picked up, they will exit on the west side of the building out the grade level wing doors. If your child rides the bus, they will get on/off in front of the school and enter/exit the playground from the north side. Between now and the beginning of school, feel free to practice coming to school, playing on the playground, and showing your child where they will get dropped off/picked up.
- Please consider joining P.I.E. (Parents Involved in Education). This group meets once a month and is instrumental with our school fundraisers, support for teachers, and in the decision making process for continuous school improvement. The first P.I.E. meeting is Tuesday, September 14 at 6:00 in the Gannett Peak cafeteria. Thanks to P.I.E. we were able to purchase buddy benches for our playground. Also, P.I.E. buys every student a shirt. Our student body decides on the school theme each year and this year it is "We're Super Cougars!" Fridays are our Cougar Spirit days, so please encourage your child to wear their shirt and dress up for other spirit days planned throughout the year to show their Cougar pride.
- If you would like to volunteer in your child's classroom, please visit with their teacher for times and complete the necessary paperwork in the front office.
- For further information, either for our district or Gannett Peak School, please visit www.landingschools.org. This site provides information about upcoming events, latest blog, the school calendar, as well as, a Facebook page and Twitter feed.

Finally, I'm excited to be working with our new assistant principal, Megan Park. She previously taught at Baldwin Creek in fifth grade. Megan's experience, energy, and excellent relationship skills will be an asset to our team. As the principal of Gannett Peak, please know my door is always open to you. I heartily welcome your input throughout the year, always keeping our students as the primary focus of our work. Please join us for our Open House before school starts on August 23 from 5-6:30 P.M. If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call the school at 332-6690 or email me at lvoxland@landingschools.org. Go Cougars!!!

Sincerely in Education,

Leslie Voxland
Gannett Peak Principal



OPEN HOUSE

MONDAY, AUGUST 23RD

5:00-6:30 PM

MEET YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

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Join Us on the Playground

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