

Dearest Student and Golden Door Family Member,



I cannot believe how quickly the summer is passing. The building is so quiet without your laughter, your positive words and smart ideas! I cannot wait until you are all back in school, so I can see all your smiling faces, hear all your fun stories and have lunch with you. Your letters, notes and visits warm my heart, make me smile and help me remember why I love my job so much. I am sending you this letter to remind you of a few things to think about before school starts in September. You have to know that our students are **THE MOST** important part of our school. Your *positive* contribution is expected and appreciated.

We have been working this summer (you have probably seen my car outside ☺ ), thinking of ways that we can make our school even more fabulous than it already is. We are planning activities to celebrate each other and trips to see the world around us. Please remember that these activities and trips are only possible if you are positively contributing to the school. How can you be a positive contributor to our school? Good question!!! This can be accomplished by you being kind (even when no one is watching), being on your best behavior (even to and from school), being the best student you can be (that means doing your homework even when you don't feel like it) and listening to all the adults in our building (especially when they are telling you what you don't want to hear).

Your parents have sacrificed for you and making them proud should be a priority. Please start thinking about the following....

- ◆ As per YOUR request, we have changed the uniform policy concerning school shoes. Beginning this fall, you are allowed to wear ALL BLACK sneakers or shoes every day. Please remember, all black means ALL BLACK. No other color on the sneaker, shoe or laces. Please be in full uniform every day. I dislike having to remind you about this important school rule.
- ◆ Please come to school everyday and please be on time. All the high schools require me to send them your attendance record. Even one minute late is LATE. Come early...I miss you when you aren't here ☺
- ◆ If you are on social media PLEASE re-read every single message, text, post and picture. Once it's sent, it's too late. Our students are all about lifting people up and being kind. If it's not kind, don't send it. When in doubt, DO NOT POST.

- ◆ Respect is something that is part of our school family foundation. Show it, live it and breathe it. Every person in this building is valued and respected. I will settle for nothing less because I expect nothing less for each of you.
- ◆ READ, READ and READ!!! I promise, it will make you smarter than you already are. Come to me for suggestions on great books. I promise I will find you a book you fall in love with.
- ◆ Do your homework. EVERY. NIGHT.
- ◆ Be the leader you were born to be. We need them in our building.

### **GOLDEN AMBASSADORS:**

What is a Golden Ambassador?

A Golden Door Middle School Ambassador is someone who will represent our school positively and help build community within our school. If chosen, you will be helping around the school for special events, conducting tours of our school as needed and offering help to groups of students. As a student ambassador, there will be times you miss class time and class work. It is your responsibility to learn what you missed while you were out, and make up any missing assignments. I am enclosing an application you must complete in order to be considered. Please bring this with you on the first day of school and drop it off in my office. I will be selecting our ambassadors during the first week of school. Ambassador T-shirts will be ordered for you once you have been selected.

I need each and every one of you to make me a promise as you read this letter. Please make a commitment to be all about kindness to all those around you. If you see someone lonely, struggling, being bullied, being made fun of, PLEASE STEP UP! Start a conversation, compliment them, invite them to sit with you, or just smile. Your kindness might just make a HUGE difference in someone's life. You never know what a person is going through, so be kind and always try to...BRING SUNSHINE IN OUR BUILDING!

I am asking that after you carefully read this letter, you email me and let me know you received it and feel free to write me your thoughts. I welcome your ideas on how to make our school even more GOLDEN. Again, please email me at [flopez@goldendoorschool.org](mailto:flopez@goldendoorschool.org) and let me know you received this letter. I can't wait to hear from you all!

Enjoy the rest of the summer, Honey  
Bunnies and see you September!

With Love,

Mrs. Fanny Lopez  
Assistant Director  
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