

Hi Friends!

We hope everyone is doing well and your family is relaxing into the summer groove. It's amazing that it is already mid-July!

Also, welcome to even more new families! I've included some additional welcome information for you at the bottom of this email – we are so excited to have you!

Below are some exciting ways to connect that we have planned as the school year approaches, along with some key dates and information we thought might be helpful to share (or reiterate!). Please know – WE ARE HERE FOR YOU! If you have any questions, big or small, need clarification with any of the start of school materials/events, or if you or your child are getting a little nervous as we approach the first day of school, please do not hesitate to reach out to either or both of us!

Please save the date and mark your calendars:

- **Saturday, August 6** Early Childhood Swing into School (see below)
- **Tuesday, August 16** New Parent Orientation at 7:00 PM via Zoom
- **Sunday, August 21:** Student welcome (meet the classroom teacher) from 12:30-1:00PM and outdoor Summer Social for Doherty Families at 1:00PM.
- **Tuesday, August 23** First full day of school
- **Thursday, August 25** Parent Night at 6:00PM with the option of attending in-person or Zoom.

Stinger Central Reminder

Need to know what time school starts, where to pick up after school, or who to call if you will be late? Many questions are answered by the [Stinger Central](#) at my.7hills.org! This is where you will find specific information about our beginning of the year activities, health information, school calendar and more. It will be updated throughout the summer.

Early Childhood Swing Into School Event – Saturday, August 6

(Pre-Kindergarten for 2-year-olds, Pre-Kindergarten, and Kindergarten students)

On August 6 at 9:30am, we (the Doherty Welcome Committee ;)) are hosting a **Swing Into School** playdate. This will be a great opportunity to meet other new families along with many of our current families and we'll bring the coffee! An evite will be sent this week with more details, but please save the date!

Connecting with Classmates

(1st – 5th graders)

In the coming weeks you will be hearing from us, or one of our fellow Doherty parents, with a child in your child's grade who will coordinate a meet up before school if you are interested! We know how important it is to see a familiar face or two in your specific grade, and we want to help make that happen. We know that some have already been contacted for this, and others will be contacted closer to the start of school. If you haven't heard from anyone by August 15, and would like to meet a fellow classmate, please let us know!

Enjoy all of the joys of summer, and please be in touch with anything we can help with!

Go Stingers!

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