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Dear Future Steele Stallions,

I wanted to take this opportunity to welcome you to Steele Elementary School. We are excited that you and your child are going to join this dynamic and nurturing learning community. There is a lot to learn as a new family to Steele and our goal is to make this transition as smooth as possible for you and your child.

We will be hosting a new parent orientation on Tuesday May 23rd at 5:30 PM in the auditorium. The kindergarten teachers will be present at this meeting. We will review some of the common challenges we've seen for new students along with reviewing Steele traditions, what a typical classroom schedule may look like and how to best support your child. I hope to see you, at this event. We will be providing child care for incoming students.

Steele is fortunate to have a very active parent community. There are a lot of activities that take place after school and on the weekends. The best ways to keep track of this information are:

1. Sign up for the Steele Stallion. You can do this by logging onto the Steele website <http://steele.dpsk12.org> and clicking on a link approximately in the middle of the page. (This is the vehicle we use to deliver all School-wide information), please make sure to sign up!
2. Find out about after school activities by going to the Steele website and clicking on the programs tab. After this click on after school activities. It will give you a list of all of the enrichment activities at Steele.

We know that nobody knows your child like you do and we want to work with you to do everything possible to make this a successful year. One way we ensure success for our students is to get to know your child as well as we can. Please take a minute to fill out the class placement form that came with this letter so we can learn a little bit about your child and ensure they are in the class that best meets their needs. (I know that some families have already done this, thank you!)

Lastly, I wanted to cover some basic logistical matters. School starts at 8:15. Students are allowed to come to school at 7:50; we have supervision on the playground and in the cafeteria. The first bell rings at 8:10 where students are met by their teacher and brought into the building. We ask any student who arrives after 8:15 to stop at the office and get a tardy slip. The school day ends at 3:00. Students who get picked up by their parents are brought outside with their teacher where they wait for parents to come pick them up. We

ask that parents come to the teacher so that we can ensure your child's safety. Students who take the bus go straight to the bus where we have an adult check them on to the bus. An adult escorts kindergarten students to the busses. Students who have after school programs are asked to go straight to those programs at the end of the day. We make sure to walk younger students to those programs. Denver Public Schools offers free breakfast to all of its students. Hot lunch is available to students everyday for the price of \$1.50. To pre-pay for your students lunch you can go to myschoolbucks.com. You will need your student's ID number, which you will receive at registration, to pre-pay for their lunch. You can also see the daily lunch menu if you go to this website:
<http://enterprisemanagement.dpsk12.org/food-services/>

I am so excited that you and your family will be joining the Steele community next year. I am confident that you will find the Steele community welcoming, engaging and 100% committed to ensuring a first-class education for your child—cheers

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