## Date

Dear parent or guardian of <Student Name>,

Welcome to <School Name> Elementary! < Student Name > will soon be a WaKIDS kindergarten student! WaKIDS is a Washington State kindergarten program that strengthens our partnerships with families and makes the transition to kindergarten successful.

WaKIDS recognizes parents and guardians as a child's first teacher. When a child enters kindergarten, it is important the family and the kindergarten teacher have a chance to connect and learn from each other.

## **Family Connection Meetings**

- 1. WaKIDS Family Connection meetings will occur September 9, 10 and 11.
- 2. You, family members and < Student Name > will be invited to meet with your child's kindergarten teacher in a private appointment instead of starting school on the first day with grades 1-5 students.
- 3. Your family connection meeting is designed to give you time to get to know your child's teacher and for the teacher to get to know you.
- 4. During the appointment, you will meet your child's teacher, explore the classroom and share your goals and expectations for learning.
- 5. Kindergarten students' first day of school will be Monday, September 14, 2020.

## **Scheduling**

We will be contacting you regarding your Family Connection meeting with your child's teacher.

I know this is an exciting time for you and <<u>Student Name</u>>. Your WaKIDS Family Connection meeting will help make this year a better-than-ever school experience.

Sincerely,

<Principal's name>, Principal