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Dear Parents,

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The 2017-2018 school year is coming quickly to a close. I can't believe how quickly the time goes by. Just the other day we were preparing for the start of the school year. Now, we are planning for graduation. It's amazing.

This week is Teacher Appreciation Week (May 7-11). I would like to extend my gratitude to our Mentors for all of the hard work that they put into caring for our Scholars. They are so much more than just teachers to our scholars. They work very hard to make sure that our scholars are learning and moving forward. They really care deeply about the job that they do. They really care about Berean and each of our scholars. And I really care about them. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for all that you do. My prayer is that you rest during the summer so that you can come back refreshed and ready to give your 120% again in August!

I am excited at what the next school year will bring. I want to let all of the parents know what we have planned. First of all, we are planning to have two each of kindergarten, first, second, and third grade classes. This year, we had to turn away students in the kinder, first grade, and third grade because we didn't have enough room for them. We want to keep the classroom counts low so our mentors are able to forge those important relationships with our scholars and are able to work in small group settings. This is a very important for us to accomplish our mission.

Consequently, we are taking steps to build additional classrooms and a Regulation High School gymnasium. That would allow us to add seating to the gym area and compete in our own gym instead renting other facilities to compete in basketball and other sports. We are going to expand our sports program to continue to include elementary and middle school sports next year. We believe that giving our scholars the opportunity to "shine" in a variety of arenas is important. Not everyone can shine academically. These will include lego robotics, legos, dance, band, video and other electives we have not had in the past. We are very excited about this.

We have developed a partnership with Cochise Technology District JTed. Because of this, we will be able to offer Medical Professions, which is the first class for CNA/Nursing. We will also offer Early Childhood Education, French for K-12, and Band.

For the next few weeks we are allowing the high school students to wear jeans with their Berean Polos or Berean Dress Shirts/Blouses. Additionally, we are going to allow them to use their telephones during lunch. These are big steps for us. If they can abide by the rules, we will allow them to continue to do so next year. These privileges are directly related to their behavior, tardiness and absences. We are also offering monetary compensation for those students who improve their AZMerit scores from the 2016-17 school year to the 2017-18 school year once we get the scores. The compensation will be anywhere from \$25 to \$100, depending on the percentage of growth. We are excited to see how much they have improved.

Enrollment is critical to our implementing our plans. We ask for your continued support. Every survey we have conducted shows the most effective advertising is Word of Mouth. The more you tell people of how great Berean Academy is, the more our enrollment will increase.

Please let us know if there is anything else we can do to help you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Bev Enriquez, Principal  
Berean Academy