

MILTON ACADEMY K-8 HOST FAMILY PROGRAM

The following is a suggested timeline of opportunities to connect with our new families. Some of these families are completely new to Milton and some are current parents with students that are new to your grade. We have received very positive feedback from new families that the relationship with their host families makes a significant difference in their transition to the Milton Academy Community. Please don't hesitate to reach out to our office if you have any questions.

New for 2019, we have two families (one in next year's K class and one in Grade 4) who have already volunteered to host group playdates for new students.

May

Your initial telephone call is an important one. New families are aware that they have host families and are excited to make their connection to the community. Please introduce yourself and explain that you are available as a resource and are happy to talk with them at any time throughout the year. No question is too small!

- Tell them about myMilton, the Lower School and Middle School Newsletter, and the Milton Academy online calendar – these are useful tools that keep parents informed on upcoming events and where/when they are posted.
- Remind the family that they are members of the Parents' Association, which means they are welcome at all meetings and will have many opportunities to volunteer throughout the year.
- Explain what happens at the "See you in September Picnic". It would be nice to try and meet up for this event (June 2, 2019 @ 1pm on campus fields) if your schedules allow.

June-August

- Extend an invitation for a visit or get together. (The feedback that we have received from new families is that students really benefit from making social connections before the start of school).
- A telephone call after the summer mailing/myMilton email blast to explain the different pieces of information would be very helpful.
- Other topics to discuss – drop-off and pick-up routines, snack/recess/lunch, calendar events, etc.

September

- A call before the first day of school to see if there are any last minute questions/concerns.
- Perhaps a call after the first week of school to see how everything is going and if they have any questions.

