

A New School Year Begins

A new year dawned for Kate Duncan Smith DAR School on Thursday, August 13, as the school welcomed back students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Whether it was the first school day ever, the first day at a new school or last first day of a high school career, the first day held different meanings for each of the 1,375 students who returned to KDS.



Principal Keith Buchanan is shown with his children Lauren and Patrick displaying a banner outside KDS Elementary encouraging students to "Be a STAR Student".

While students were enjoying their summer break, year-round staff was busily preparing the classrooms, buildings and grounds for the students' return.

Heather Green, KDS Executive Director, called the opening of school 'seamless' and 'organized,' which she said is due largely to the hard work of teachers and administrators over the summer. "We really had a great first day," she said.

Things are back in full swing with football and volleyball starting soon, and Dedication Day is just a couple of months away.

The KDS Marching Patriots spent a week of team camp preparing for the opening of marching season.



"Our students and teachers have to hit the ground running as soon as school starts, and they do a great job with making it all work," said Green.

Everyone at KDS is excited for a most successful school year!

