

Dear Parents:

Good afternoon. This is my first Keep In Touch Message of the 2009-2010 School Year, Thank you for your assistance with all the paperwork and procedures associated with the start of school. Please help stay in touch with what's happening at Lanier by reading my weekly message to parents that goes out every Friday while school is in session.

Here's the latest news from Lanier:

*President Obama to Address Students: On Tuesday, September 8, 2009, Fairfax County Public School's first day of school, President Obama plans to address the nation's school children on the importance of education. FCPS has left the decision to each principal whether or not to use the speech. At Lanier, we do not plan to show his speech to students as a whole due to an already full schedule for the first day of school. Individual teachers may show his speech on the 8th (time permitting) or on a later date if they wish to do so. Parents can send a note to the school Tuesday morning requesting that their child not participate in the video or broadcast of the President's speech. We will make accommodations for supervising students whose parents do not want them to participate.

*Student Orientation Newsletter Available: If you are new to Lanier or just interested in learning more about our many programs and services, please see our newly created student orientation newsletter, *The Early Eagle*, at <http://www.fcps.edu/LanierMS/> (our website).

Have a good weekend,

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