

SHAKER HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

WOODBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 15400 South Woodland Road Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120 (216) 295-4150

Tiffany M. Joseph, Ed.S. Principal

April 6, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Next year, as part of the International Baccalaureate Programme, your sixth grade student will have an opportunity to take a World Language. Languages offered at Woodbury will include: <u>French</u>, <u>German</u>, <u>Latin</u>, <u>Mandarin Chinese</u> or <u>Spanish</u>.

The Woodbury program will feed into the Language Acquisition courses at the Middle School. The International Baccalaureate Programme requires your student to enroll in the same language for five (5) years. For example, if your child selects Spanish, your child will take Spanish **through Tenth Grade**. The sixth grade language experience will be designed to establish a solid foundation of the basic skills necessary to be successful in the chosen language.

Students who are significantly below grade level in reading, based on several data points, will not take a Language Acquisition course. Woodbury offers a Literacy Learning Course, by invitation only. Students are recommended for this course based on demonstrated need during the fifth grade. This course will focus on strategies and skills that will help students' fluency and comprehension skills. Students will use both strategies and skills to proficiently comprehend literature, including stories, dramas and poems. This support provides foundational literacy skills to achieve success in school and beyond the classroom.

For planning purposes, please complete the tear slip below and <u>return to your child's teacher no later than Friday, April 16, 2021</u>. Please prioritize your top 2 choices.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the form below so we can plan accordingly for your child's education.

Sincerely,

Ms. Tiffany M. Joseph

Student Name:

Teacher:

Parent Signature:

My Choice: | French | German | Latin | Spanish | Mandarin Chinese