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Dear Lasseter Academy Families,

Plans for the 2009-10 Lasseter Academy academic year are developing with much excitement. Each member of the Academy family is a vital part of the wonderful world in which we live. The faculty has designed the skeleton of an Academy-wide project for the first term. Together with students and families, however, we plan to analyze our local history, our world of yesterday and today, and the choices available to us. Together, we will examine the skills and knowledge needed for today, careers for the future, and the world challenges to be considered for wise decision-making. It will be easier to understand the relevance of math, science, history, and languages - and to put flesh on the skeleton – as we work through the curriculum in this more integrated manner.

Monday, August 31, 2009 students will meet at Lasseter Academy at 8:00AM to take informal diagnostic tests and plan their correct courses, to determine what they are really interested in accomplishing this year, and to set a clear class schedule. Everyone will be finished at 11:00AM and should be picked up at that time to give the faculty an opportunity to meet and finalize plans based upon the student and parent input of the morning.

Our opening activities will be held at 10:00AM on Tuesday, September 1 at the Columbus Museum on Wynnton Road. The Museum's Director of Education will give us a tour and explain some of the programs which we can enjoy during the year. We will examine the collection of maps of our region dating back four hundred (400) years. The examination will become the springboard for our first semester Academy-wide reading of James Michener's The Source. Each student will be given a copy of the book and will be asked to read an average of fifteen pages daily. (It would be great if a parent could read along and help in the study and discussion). You will see how math, science, language, history, and career exploration will be woven into this first semester study.

It is important to note that most Fridays **will be required class days** this year. Students should not plan to work or stay home on Friday mornings. Classes will be dismissed at Noon on Fridays, however. Monday through Thursday most students will have classes until 1:00 or 2:00PM.

Please call us with any questions or comments as soon as possible. We are looking forward to each day of this new academic year!

Sally Lasseter, Director