

STEPHEN KNOLLS SCHOOL



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August 7, 2017

To the Stephen Knolls Community,

On behalf of the staff at Stephen Knolls, I am happy to welcome you to the 2017-2018 school year! We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our students can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our students need support from both the home and school. We recognize a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your student's progress. As partners, we share the responsibility for their success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities.

It has been an exciting summer and successful ESY program. Special thanks to Rob Tarloff and Connie Murphy for their leadership in supporting the ESY staff and students at Flora Singer. Added thanks to the Flora Singer team for hosting us for the second time.

We are extremely grateful to all of the MCPS staff who worked all summer at Stephen Knolls to repair and upgrade our HVAC system and our roof. We appreciate their commitment in getting the building ready for our return.

The Stephen Knolls team leaders, staff, and building service led by Jeff Gray our Building Service Manager and Marvin Perez our Assistant Building Service Manager and Cecelia Penate our part time building service operator worked hard since the end of the school year to get Stephen Knolls ready for opening day 2017. We all need to send thanks their way when we see them.

Several new staff members are joining the SK family this year. We are looking forward to working with them to support our students and program. Amanda Leizear, Michael Koehnlein, Ilana Sushner, Dayna Rothman, Wanda Watson, Marvin Perez, Shaimaa Ahmed and Carine Pena who joined us at the close of last school year. All of them are new to us but have worked throughout MCPS and bring with them passion for children, teaching and learning. Stay tuned for the opening newsletter to read more about our new dynamic team.

Please consider joining our PSA this year. Kelly Speck remains the PSA President and we are grateful for her dedication as well as Rebeca Vega serving as PSA Treasurer and Mark Miller hosting the Stephen Knolls Facebook page for families. Our students can greatly benefit from your involvement and contributions to the school's program and its operations. In addition we continually seek volunteers to help us with School-wide events (BBQ, Fall Festival, Winter Festival, Spirit Week, Prom, Graduation, Aqua therapy sessions, Challenge day) throughout the year.

As always, do not hesitate to contact me at any time to answer questions or share thoughts and ideas.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer. I will see you soon.

Warm Regards,

Kim Redgrave
Principal

Dates to remember:

Friday 9/1/17	Open House 9:00 am- 12:00pm
Tuesday 9/5/17	First day of School for K-12 Students
Monday 9/11/17	First day of School for PEP Students
Wednesday 9/13/17	Back to School Night/ Family BBQ 4:00- 7:00pm