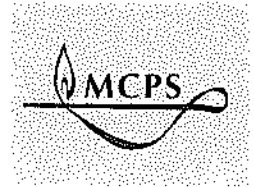


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Office of the Principal

August 2017

Dear Olney Parents/Guardians,

I would like to welcome each of you to the 2017-2018 school year at Olney Elementary School. I am proud to serve this community and look forward to many years of working collaboratively with you to ensure student success!

We are very excited about the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year! The most exciting news is that our bell times have changed! **Our school day will be 9:00 am- 3:25 pm. Students will be invited into the building at 8:45am. Instruction will begin promptly at 9:00 am. Dismissal will begin at 3:25 pm.**

Throughout the summer, the staff has been working and planning to ensure a great start for each child. We've spent time learning about our students, analyzing student performance data, and meeting with parents. We have met together to develop schedules, to review and update school policies and procedures and to build professional relationships.

We are also very fortunate to be one of the schools that will be receiving a new HVAC system. This very large project will be a year long process beginning in August. We will have approved contractors in the building working on the switch over. This is fabulous news for our students and staff!!!

This year we will continue our professional development in cultural competence and continue to study and implement student discourse across all curricular areas, including Social Emotional Learning by utilizing the Consume, Critique and Produce model. Teachers will continue to engage in professional development with Dr. John O' Flahavan, University of Maryland Professor.

Attached in this packet you will find:

- Transportation Schedules
- School Calendar
- Supply lists
- School Lunch and SNAP Information

Consistent communication will occur through the Principal's Newsletters which will be posted on our OES webpage monthly. I encourage you to become a member in our PTA. Your attendance at PTA meetings is an important part of learning about our school. PTA newsletters come home once a month electronically and detail important information regarding programming and events.

Parents and students in Grades K – 5 are invited to attend our **Open House on Friday, September 1st** from 9:15-10:15 am. This will be an advance opportunity for your child to meet his/her teacher, other Olney staff members and students, and tour our facility. Our Open House is designed to reduce beginning of the year anxiety and to help your child prepare emotionally for the start of school and enjoy the excitement of a new start! *Our Open House is not like Back-To-School Night.* Teachers are still

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busy preparing and planning for the opening of school. It is not a time to conduct a conference with teachers. Instead, enjoy a walk through the school, a brief visit to your child's classroom and casual conversation with staff about the coming year.

Our Back-to-School Night for parents will be Tuesday, September 19th. During this time, staff members will be introduced and a variety of school-based initiatives and data will be shared. After the general session meeting, parents will be invited to visit classrooms.

The first day of school for students is **Tuesday, September 5th from 9:00 am-3:25 pm. *The late bell rings at 9:00am.*** On the first day of school, encourage your child to ride the bus to help establish a routine. Upon arrival students will go to their morning line-up locations. Our staff will be on duty to help children locate their line-up positions and their classrooms and to answer questions. Extra staff will be available to assist kindergarten students acclimate to our school and classroom routines. We want to ensure that students, parents, guardians, grandparents and all well-wishers get off to a terrific start. Please look for several pieces of important information to go home with your child/children on the first day.

On behalf of the Olney Elementary School staff, we want to welcome you and your child to a brand new school year. Please know that we are committed to the education and success of each child and to establishing a strong partnership between home and school.

Fondly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carla Glawe".

Carla Glawe
Principal