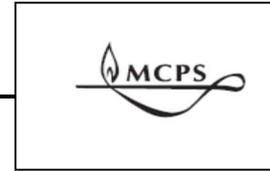


# Resnik Elementary School

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*Ms. LaTricia Thomas*

*Principal*

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Dear Resnik Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. I hope that you and your children are having a wonderful summer and are looking forward to beginning a new school year. The office staff and I have been busy enrolling new students, hiring new staff and planning for a great year ahead. I am sure many of you have been hearing about the staffing shortages within the county. I am pleased to announce that all of our classroom positions have been filled, but we are still in need of a few para educators, and a part-time Special Education Teacher. If you know anyone interested in working at Resnik or for Montgomery County Public Schools, please encourage them to apply on MyMCPS careers or contact me directly.

This summer, we held a small summer school program. If your child attended summer school, I'm sure they appreciated being in small class sizes where they received individualized instruction. Many of our Resnik teachers were in the building to support our students this summer, so I'm sure our students were able to establish sound relationships and meaningful instructional growth. I want to thank our summer school teachers and staff for their commitment in supporting our students this summer.

This year we have several new staff members who have joined the Resnik Community.

They are as follows:

- Gloria Tran, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher
- Shannon Ciampa, 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher
- Leah Quick, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher
- Cynthia Ajamian, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher
- Kevin Eaton, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher
- Kathryn Kehoe, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher
- Shianne Reaves, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher
- Junette Wilson, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher
- Kristin Ramm, ELD teacher
- Nancy Custer, ELD teacher
- Lauren Elise Wellek, Speech Pathologist
- John LaRocca, part-time PE teacher
- Lisa Kussman, part-time music teacher
- Brenda Delaney, part-time art teacher
- David Leavitt, media specialist
- Johnnet Travers, counselor
- Caitlin Pulver, part-time counselor

- Amber VanWagenen, math specialist

We are very thrilled about the new additions to our staff and know you will welcome them into our Resnik Elementary School Family.

The staff and I look forward to seeing all the families during the Open House, which will be held on **Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>**. The Open House will begin at 9:30 am. During this time, you will have the opportunity to meet your child's teachers and tour the classroom. Your child will receive a "welcome to my class" phone call and email from his/her new teacher during the week of **August 22<sup>nd</sup>**. I can assure you that we devoted great thought, time, and energy to creating balanced classes. In addition, we took great care in selecting the best class groupings as possible. I appreciate your support of all staff and classroom placements. We feel that we have a very dynamic staff with talented teachers who are eagerly awaiting your children. If you have not yet registered your incoming kindergarten student or know a neighbor that has not registered their child yet, please encourage them to come this week. If our kindergarten enrollment does not increase, we are in jeopardy of losing a kindergarten classroom teacher, so it is extremely important that we enroll our kindergarten students prior to the start of the school year.

The enclosed pages contain important information. Please carefully review these pages and keep them handy for your information. **Please be advised that our school times remain the same this year. School begins for students at 9:00 AM and will end at 3:25 PM.** Enjoy the rest of the summer. The staff and I are looking forward to a great 2023-2024 school year at Judith A. Resnik Elementary School.

Sincerely,

*LaTricia Thomas*

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Principal