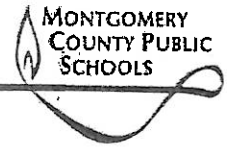


# Rosemont Elementary School

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*Office of the Principal*

August 1, 2018

Dear Parents,

On behalf of the staff at Rosemont Elementary School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2018-2019 school year! I hope you were able to spend time this summer with family and friends. We are looking forward to a productive partnership to ensure all children achieve their highest potential because we recognize that in order to be successful, our children need support from both home and school.

At Rosemont Elementary School we are committed to building a community of lifelong learners. Together, we will foster positive **RELATIONSHIPS** with students, staff, and families; deliver **RIGOROUS** instruction; and achieve **RESULTS** for our students.

We are committed to providing a nurturing environment that is conducive to teaching and learning. Our dedicated building service staff has worked hard to prepare for the new school year and you will see that the building is ready to welcome our students.

## Open House

Open House is on Friday, August 31 from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. At the Open House you will have a chance to visit your child's new classroom and meet their new teacher. Please note that information about your child's teacher will be provided on the day of Open House and will not be sent home ahead of time.

## First Day

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 4. School begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 3:25 p.m.

**Children should not arrive at school before 8:40 a.m.** If your child will ride a bus, I strongly encourage you to put your child on the bus the first day of school to acclimate her/him to the routine of riding the bus. Name tags are very important for us to ensure that children are being sent home on the right bus. K-3 students should wear a name tag to school on the first day that includes the following information:

- name
- address (home address and where bus is to drop off, if different from home address)
- phone number
- bus color

## Back-to-School Night

Back-to-School Night for grades K-5 will be held on **Thursday, September 13 from 6:30 – 8:00p.m.** During the meeting, you will have a chance to hear from administration, the PTA president, and your child's teacher about their instructional program.

**Staff Changes**

We have been very busy interviewing candidates for several positions as some of our staff have retired or moved on to other schools and obtained new work assignments. In addition, we have staff members that have changed positions within the school.

**New Staff:**

- Grade K Teacher - Ms. Angela Heyliger
- Grade K Teacher - Ms. Stephanie Rago
- Grade 3 Teacher - Mr. Nicolas Sible
- Grade 5 Teacher - Ms. Brittanie Perterson
- Grade 5 Teacher - Ms. Christina Sheppard
- CAPP Teacher - Ms. Vivian Franks
- CAPP Teacher - TBD
- ESOL Teacher - Ms. Amanda Kilgore
- ESOL Teacher (.5) - Ms. Andrea Bernal
- Music Teacher (.3) - Ms. Valerie Vinson
- Instructional Music (.2) - Mr. Mark Mitchell
- PE Teacher (.1) - Mr. Jeffery Purgason
- Building Service Worker - TBD

**Staff Changes:**

- Ms. Brooke Simon – Reading Specialist to Assistant Principal
- Ms. Nichole Graham – Academic Focus Teacher to Reading Specialist
- Ms. Michelle Eirhart – Grade 1 to Grade 2
- Ms. Angela Martin – ESOL Teacher to Academic Focus
- Ms. Nourbakhsh Shabnam – CAPP para educator to General Education para educator

I look forward to meeting all of you and learning about your children. I am excited about the 2018-2019 school year. It is my hope that we can all work together to form a strong partnership, calling upon the strengths of home, school, and the Gaithersburg community.

Sincerely,



Keely R. Cooke  
Principal