

July 2016

Dear Beverly Farms Elementary School Families,

In the beginning of July, my family and I enjoyed a beach vacation on our annual trip to the Maryland shore. With young children, the vacation was more action than relaxation and I was able to enjoy watching my children play in the ocean as they are finally old enough to confidently play in the surf. This is a change because prior to this summer, they mostly stayed in the sand. However, not all my children handled the change of tackling the surf the same way. For my son, there was no waiting. He immediately jumped in and body surfed the waves. For my daughters, the transition from fear of the unknown to fun was a process. The older of my two daughters is six and it was particularly satisfying to watch as she challenged her boundaries and got over her fears of the ocean. By the end of the week she was loving every second of it.

As I prepare for the exciting new school year at Beverly Farms, I am reminded of a similar concept regarding changes here at school. We all process the changes differently but in the end, we will all be thriving together.

I am excited and honored to have been selected to lead Beverly Farms Elementary School and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know many staff and families thus far.

Throughout the summer, the leadership, grade level and building service teams are working and planning for the start of school on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. In order to prepare our students and families for this important day, we will host our annual Classroom Sneak Peek on Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-11:00 am for all grades. This is an opportunity for families and children to meet their new teacher(s), locate the classrooms, and catch up with old friends. We look forward to seeing you there! In addition, we will host Kindergarten parents for an informational meeting the evening of Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:00 pm. This meeting will be an opportunity for staff to address many of the frequently asked questions associated with having a new Kindergarten student.

The majority of important logistical information is in the 'Summer Essentials' handbook included in this message and posted on the web. However, here are a few very important dates and information.

By August 25<sup>th</sup>, students will receive a postcard from their new teachers. We invite you to attend our Open House on Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-11:00 am. You and your child/children will be able to visit the classrooms, meet teachers as well as classmates for the 2016-2017 school year. In addition to these important dates, here are some additional dates to mark on your calendar now:

- Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. Informational meeting for Kindergarten families
- Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m. Classroom Sneak Peek
- Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. Back to School Night for Grades 3-5

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- Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. Back to School Night for Grades K-2

We welcome our new staff to the Beverly Farms family and send well wishes to those staff members embarking on new endeavors.

**We Wish You Well!**

Angel Alvarado – serving as a building service worker at Clemente Middle School  
Ashley Fagel – teaching in Pennsylvania  
Amber Feerrar – teaching at Travilah Elementary  
Andrea Hillman - serving as school psychologist in other MCPS clusters  
Soon Lee – retired from the position of school nurse  
Kristen Llewellyn – spending time at home with her family  
Tonja Olson – assigned as needed at another MCPS school  
Rachel Orgel – serving as the Staff Development Teacher at Ronald McNair Elementary  
Gina Perkins – retired to enjoy family and friends  
Marcie Peters – teaching special education at Summit Hall Elementary  
Alexandra Waters – serving as a Media Assistant at Galway Elementary  
Stephanie Yarmas will be moving from 5<sup>th</sup> grade to 4<sup>th</sup> grade here at Beverly Farms.

**Welcome to Beverly Farms!**

Carmen Albuquerque – our new Media Assistant  
Carroll Altshuler – our new Staff Development Teacher  
Kathleen Policastro- serving as our school psychologist  
Nancy Schnure – our new Media Specialist  
Elizabeth Schomberg – joining our special education team  
Jillian Smiley – joining our special education team

In closing, we extend a special welcome to those of you who are new to our school community. We look forward to establishing a partnership with your family. Please let us know how we can support you as new members of the Beverly Farms family. We pride ourselves on building positive relationships, providing high quality instruction, and our commitment to continuous improvement.

Enjoy your last days of summer. We will see you soon.

Best,

Mr. Spencer Delisle  
Principal

Mrs. Christine Oberdorf  
Assistant Principal