

Olney Elementary School

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Dear Olney Parents/Guardians,

I would like to welcome each of you to the 2019-2020 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!

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.

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.

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 of 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.

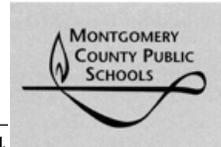
Parents and students in Grades K – 5 are invited to attend our **Open House on Friday, August 30st** from **9:15-10:15 am**. This will be an advanced opportunity for your child to meet his/her teacher, other Olney staff members and students, and to tour our facility. Our Open House is designed to reduce 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 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 upcoming school year.

Our **Back-to-School Night** for parents will be **Thursday, September 26th**. During this time, staff members will be introduced, and a variety of school-based initiatives and data will be shared. Parents should report to the classrooms.

The first day of school for students is **Tuesday, September 3rd from 9:00 am-3:25 pm**. **The late bell rings at 9:00 am**. On the first day of school, encourage your child to ride the bus to help establish a

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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, 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 of school.

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,

Carla Glawe

Principal