



REDLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

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August 5, 2019

Dear Redland Families,

On behalf of the staff of Redland Middle School, I would like to welcome you to the 2019–2020 school year at Redland Middle School where we are dedicated to ensuring success for all students through *excellence* in teaching and learning. I want to thank our returning students and their families for all of the great work and support during the 2018–2019 school year and I would like to welcome our new students and their families to our Bulldog community.

The Redland Middle School staff is working to insure that we are teaching every student, every day through the delivery of our school mission and vision. Through our core values (Respect for Ourselves, Respect for Others, and Respect for our School), we will prepare our student Bulldogs to become contributing members of a global society. We will do so through a continued focus on academic growth and achievement, personal development, and social responsibility. The School Leadership Team has been working diligently throughout the summer to plan for the 2019 – 2020 school year. We are looking forward to an amazing year filled with engaging and rigorous coursework, as well as many great experiences for all of our students.

On the website, you will find a great deal of information to review prior to the students returning to Redland on Tuesday, September 3rd. Additionally, I have highlighted some important dates and information below:

- School starts on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 8:15 a.m. Upon arrival to school, 6th grade students will report to the front hallway, 7th grade students will report to the P.E. hallway and 8th grade students will report to the back hallway. Students who wish to eat breakfast should report to the cafeteria.
- The school year calendar, noting early release dates and days off, is on our website as well.
- Once again, our PTA has generously offered to purchase the first agenda book for each student this school year. The agenda books will be used to assist your child in developing routines and strategies that will allow him/her to be successful in school. Students are expected to use their agenda books to track their daily assignments, monitor long-term project progress, and to log all passes any time they leave class. The agenda book will allow parents to review their child's homework assignments and may serve as a communication resource with the teacher. Replacement books, for students who lose their books, will be available for \$4.00 from our financial assistant, Mrs. Dorsey.

We appreciate the funding and support the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has received from the County Council. We recognize that it is imperative to use our resources in the most efficient and effective manner. MCPS staffing allocations are based on projected enrollment. We certainly hope that at the beginning of the school year, our actual enrollment matches the projected enrollment. Unfortunately, it may become necessary for staffing changes to occur in some schools if enrollment comes in below projection and doesn't justify the staffing that was allocated. If there is a need to make an adjustment in staffing based on actual enrollment, I will do my best to minimize the

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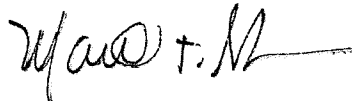
instructional impact of these necessary adjustments. I will keep you informed and alert you of any changes that may occur at our school.

If a concern arises in the classroom, I would encourage you to contact the classroom teacher. I have found that when parents and teachers work together, great things happen for students. If you would like to meet with or speak to a member of the administrative team, please contact the main office (240-740-0900) to schedule an appointment, or send us an email. We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Angie Fish, Assistant Principal, as the newest member of our Bulldog administrative team! Please join me in welcoming her! We value communicating with you and thank you in advance for your continued support of Redland Middle School.

In our efforts to go green, no paper copies of the summer information will be mailed. If you would prefer to have a paper copy of the summer information, please stop by our main office.

If you have any questions, please contact our main office at 240-740-0900.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew T. Niper", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Matthew T. Niper
Acting Principal

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