



EARLE B. WOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Wood Families:

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! Our staff has been working hard throughout the summer to prepare for the upcoming school year, and we are eagerly awaiting the return of our students. We hope that you are equally as excited to see us.

The teachers and staff at Wood remain committed to providing an engaging and rigorous instructional program to each student in order to prepare them for high school, college, and career opportunities. We will continue to focus on matching the content, process, and product of each lesson with the needs of all students. In addition, our goal is to cultivate positive relationships that encompass our diverse community in order to generate a supportive learning environment that is centered on high expectations. I believe that our focus, implemented in an environment filled with positive relationships and high expectations, will have a remarkable, positive impact on the academic and social/emotional success of our students.

Parents and guardians, as you plan for the new school year, please consider getting involved with our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and other various events at school. We value parent participation and both staff and students look forward to having parents involved in our activities. Parental support is always needed for endeavors such as fundraisers and volunteering at our extracurricular activities. One of the first school events that I want to personally invite you to is our **Back-To-School Night on Thursday, September 12, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.** In addition, the PTA will host a back-to-school picnic on Friday, September 6. You will receive additional information regarding this event soon.

The first day of school for students is Tuesday, September 3, 2019. The bell schedule is posted on our website for your convenience. All students should report to school no earlier than 7:50 a.m. and no later than 8:10 a.m. Students are expected to be in their designated classrooms by 8:15 a.m. to begin the school day. Sixth grade students, as well as students new to Earle B. Wood Middle School, are invited to attend **orientation on Thursday, August 29, 2019**, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. School bus transportation will be provided to students who normally ride the bus during the school year.

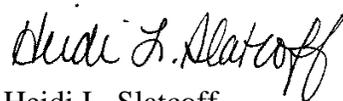
On our website, www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/woodms/, you will find all of our forms and documents. The documents included online are listed below. The last six documents, printed in **bold**, may be **returned to the main office** during the first week of school.

- 2019-2020 MCPS Calendar
- New Student Orientation Information
- Letter to Parents/Guardians from the Division of Transportation
- Bus Routes (arrival and departure)
- School Supply List
- Back-to-School Night Flyer
- **Parent/Child Reunification (PCR) Authorization for Release of Student Form**
- **PTA Membership/Volunteer Form**
- **Wood Spirit Wear Order Form (optional)**
- **MCPS Cafeteria Information and Pre-Payment Form (optional)**
- **Directory Information (optional - return only if you want any of your student's information withheld)**
- **Integrated Pest Management Information and Form (optional)**

If you are unable to access the website or print these documents, they will be available in the main office and counseling office on August 15 at Wood Middle School.

I consider it a privilege to serve as your principal, and I am looking forward to a fantastic school year. Enjoy your final weeks of summer.

Sincerely,



Heidi L. Slatcoff
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