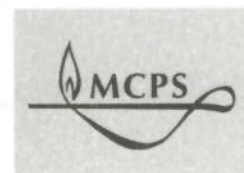


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Office of the Principal

September 21, 2018

Greetings Greencastle Community!

I am honored to introduce myself to you as the acting principal. While I know this is a sudden change, I have every confidence that we will have a smooth transition. I plan to work closely with the Greencastle staff, parents, and students to learn as much as I can about the school and the community so we can all collaborate to create the best learning environment for our students. As we begin the transition, we will plan a meet and greet opportunity so I can introduce myself in person.

I wanted to take this opportunity to share a bit about myself. Growing up in New York, I always knew I would go into education. I knew I wanted to spend my life helping and inspiring children. I moved to this area when I attended the University of Maryland and stayed to begin my career in education. Over the next decade, I taught third, fourth, and fifth grade students while also working to develop science curriculum and train other teachers. I have served as an administrator for the past four years, both at a middle school and two elementary schools. Throughout these experiences, I have learned that a positive school climate is vital to its success. Trust, respect, and personal relationships are the necessary underlying foundation.

On a personal level, my family is extremely important to me. My wife, Monica, and I love to spend time with our two children (Shea, 6, and Lily, 2). As you can imagine, two young kids keep us busy. We also have a dog, Shenanigan, who is both energetic and thankfully patient with the kids.

My top priority is to ensure that students and staff have the supports they need in order to allow for an engaging, rigorous learning experience. I firmly believe that strong relationships among all stakeholders are vital for a school to be successful and create a culture of continual learning for all. Together, we will ensure that Greencastle Elementary School is a place where all students, staff, and community members are excited to come to teach and to learn. I am confident this will be a remarkable school year, and I look forward to working with all of you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Rob Obstgarten".

Rob Obstgarten
Acting Principal
Greencastle Elementary School