



August 21, 2019

Dear Meredith families:

**Welcome back!** Or, if you are new to our Meredith family, welcome and thank you for choosing our school for your child's education. I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer and are ready to start a new school year promptly at 8:30 AM on September 3, 2019.

Last school year we celebrated many positive achievements including:

- **Being designated a National Blue Ribbon School**
- **Moving from a "Reinforce" to a "Model" school on the school district's SPR scale**

We are gearing up for another incredible new school year. Many teachers have attended training sessions to better help all students learn and grow. Our front office team is currently updating student files, selling t-shirts, and ordering new materials. Our hard-working custodial staff has spent the summer cleaning our school to make sure our students are coming back to a clean and safe space.

In the year ahead we look forward to:

- **Celebrating continued significant growth in math and science on the PSSA**
- **Utilizing new literacy materials, books, and intervention systems for students in K-4**
- **Piloting a new science curriculum for students in grades 4-8**
- **Algebra for all of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students**
- **Building wide improvements including electric upgrades and camera installation**
- **Classroom furniture upgrades**
- **Capital improvement projects that will alleviate the current overcrowding by the 2020-2021 school year**
- **Continued equity work aimed at improving our school culture and climate**
- **Welcoming new highly qualified staff to our team**

Be sure to visit [meredithmatters.org](https://meredithmatters.org) to sign up for weekly updates. I also want to personally invite you to attend our **Back-to-School Night on Wednesday, September 11th from 5:30 -7:30 p.m for grades K-5 and or on Thursday September 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 -7:30 p.m for grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>**. This is a great time to meet teachers, learn about school operations, and understand our expectations for the year ahead.

On behalf of the Meredith team, we look forward to welcoming your child back to school, and working with each of you to support the learning and growth of every student. As always, please feel free to reach out to me at [loverton@philasd.org](mailto:loverton@philasd.org) with questions or concerns. Together, we are sure to make this school year the best one yet!

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