Dear Dr. Ethel Allen Families!

As we move closer to the start of the school year, Tuesday August 31st, I will be updating you with information from the School District as well as from our school’s leadership so we can have the best start of the school year!

While some items we are still waiting on the district to finalize there plans there are several important things we do know that I will list below.

- **We will be returning to full time, 5 days a week instruction!**
- Masks will be required for everyone in the building regardless of vaccination status.
- The entire school district is changing school’s start times. Lucky for us our start time will only be shifting 5 minutes but if you have students in other schools please ensure you are aware of their new start time. **Dr. Ethel Allen’s school day will be 8:15am - 2:54pm**
- Our Middle years students will begin transitioning in a new uniform color. Grades 6-8 will be permitted to wear the traditional blue polo or now also wear a grey polo shirt. We will transition to grey only for the 2022-2023 school year and allow for the option this year.
- Kindergarten registration opens in person starting August 9th. Monday - Friday 9am - 1pm. All other registration concerns can also be addressed at this time. We apologize for any missed opportunities for communication with the building being closed over the summer.
- The school district will Phase in our Kindergarten students during the first week of school this year August 31, September 1, 2, 3 and 8 -- will be half days, with students receiving instruction in the morning only. This slower transition into full day learning will give our youngest learners the time they need to adjust to the normal routines of school. The kindergarten teachers will be able to fully participate in professional development and help with family interviews during that first week. If you need additional child care support for those first five days, you are encouraged to reach out to your regular child care provider, visit Philadelphia’s Early Learning Resource Center website at philadelphiaelrc18.org or call 1-888-461-KIDS (5437).
- More information about our return to school in the fall, and opportunities for you to participate in school and District-level meetings and events, will be shared with you during the District’s Back-to-School campaign leading up to August 31st -- the first day of school. In the meantime, I encourage you to visit the School District of Philadelphia website on a regular basis for the most up to date information on our return to full, in-person learning: www.philasd.org/ringthebell. I will continue to share school-level reminders with you as well.
- We will be hosting a community open house BBQ before the start of the school year. Please be on the lookout for flyers and more information on when.

Please enjoy the rest of your summer. I cannot wait to welcome your children back to school on August 31st!

Sincerely,

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