

Henry B. Milnes School

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Principal

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you and your child to the 2017-2018 school year. The staff and I have been working to prepare for an exciting year ahead and are eager for the halls to once again be filled with the sights and sounds that signal the return of children.

I know that the return to school can produce a diverse range of emotions in children. Some will be filled with excitement while others present anxiety. Please be assured that these responses, in any combination, are not unusual. As individuals, we all respond to change differently and while school may be a familiar place to you and your child, each year is accompanied by the anticipation of new experiences. What is most important is that your child senses your support and the willingness of the school to consider their particular needs. Be sure to articulate that message to your child and to highlight the positive elements of membership in the school community.

Kindly remember that education is a joint effort between the students, parents, and staff. We urge you to join the PTA. The cost is \$7.00 per person (\$12 per family) and should be sent in an envelope addressed as "PTA Membership".

Please know that I am especially motivated about working with you and your child in the coming year. I'd like to offer my assurance that I will be available to discuss with you any issues relating to your child. Here at Milnes School, children stand as the centerpiece of the educational community and each child is of primary concern. There are times in our personal lives when particular issues may impact on our youngsters. In those instances, please feel free to contact me concerning anything that you feel may impress upon your child's ability to have a full school experience. Doing so will make it possible for me to make adjustments that provide your child with the kind of support needed during a challenging time. Open dialogue between the home and school is essential to our coordinated effort in the education and nurturing of your child.

The first day of school for students in **grades 1-5** is **Wednesday, September 6th**, and **Kindergarten** students will begin on **Thursday, September 7th**. Incoming kindergarten students should line up outside the kindergarten doors by the green/red flag. Please visit the webpage of the teacher with whom your child has been assigned for useful information.

Best wishes in the new school year and enjoy the remainder of the summer. I look forward to seeing you on the **September 27** at **Back-to-School Night!**

Sincerely,

Joseph E. Fulco
Principal