Dear WHS Families,

Welcome Back! I hope you had a fabulous summer. When you visit us, you will notice that our school has undergone some summer construction. You will see that we have increased our security measures by adding a vestibule area at our Main Entrance. When completed, visitors will be required to identify themselves and check-in at a window before being granted full access to the building. Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation as we refine our new system.

In other news, as our character journey continues, we will keep engaging in dialogue with the children in our monthly Town Hall Meetings & Family Conferences for students and staff. The dates are listed below. Please mark your calendars so you can remind your child to wear his/her red R-E-S-P-E-C-T t-shirt on those days. (To our new kindergartners: No worries! We remembered to buy you t-shirts, too! You will receive them in school before our first Town Hall Meeting.)

Friday, September 6  Monday, March 2
Tuesday, October 1  Wednesday, April 1
Friday, November 1  Friday, May 1
Monday, December 2  Monday, June 1
Thursday, January 2  Tuesday, June 23 - Last Day of School*
Monday, February 3  *Date subject to change

In other news, school begins on Thursday, September 5. As the year unfolds, I will be working closely with our new school counselor, Mr. Paul Smith, as he meets your children and becomes acclimated to Whitehouse School. Mr. Smith was highly recommended, serving as a Director of School Counseling in Fairfax County, Virginia. I have no doubt that you will embrace him. Additionally, there are several teachers who are new or joining us from other schools. Please help me to welcome them, as they become part of our WHS family...

Ms. Michelle Johnson  Special Education Teacher
Mrs. Terri Miller  Grade 1 Teacher (joining us from RMS)
Ms. Amanda Obiedzinski  Special Education Teacher
Mr. Chad Schubert  Grade 2 Teacher

Please plan to join us on Wednesday, September 4 for our annual acclimation events:

- Kindergarten Bus Ride & Classroom Visit  12:30p.m.-1:00p.m.
- New Family Orientation  12:30p.m.-1:00p.m.
- Grade 1 through Grade 3 Open House  1:00p.m.-2:00p.m.

Warmly,
Ann T. DeRosa, Ed.D.