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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year! We are very excited to welcome students back to school on September 7th. The beginning of a new school year is truly a magical time in the lives of children. We should also admit that sending our children back to school is magical for us parents, too! The magic truly comes in the wonder and awe that children experience entering a new school or new grade-level.

Our motto of “Together, inquire and inspire” had me thinking of a recent trip my family took to Disney World. It was truly an inspirational trip for my boys, now entering Kindergarten and First Grade. The opening of this school year reminded me of the magic that happens in Disney. It was Walt Disney, the magic-maker himself, who said “Our greatest natural resource is in the minds of our children.” How true this is. As we enter a new school year, I think about how your children will engage in inquiry and be inspired by you as well as their teachers. I know that their minds will be expanded every day with new knowledge and growth. They will learn new things and make new friends. We look forward to partnering with you as we make this a *magical* year!

Coming up, we will bring you these Superintendent-host events alongside our generous HSA. These events are designed to engage families in education, particularly the Parent Academy. The events are listed below and further details will be provided to you as the time draws near. Also be on the lookout for other parent events from your child’s school.

- Welcome to New Families Evening: August 30, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.
- Screenagers film: tentatively October 3, 2023 (evening event)
- Budget and Breakfast: January 25, 2024 @ 9:00 A.M.
- Parent Academy: March 20, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.

As we have each summer our maintenance and custodial crew worked to ensure students return to safe, healthy, and clean buildings. You’ll see waxed floors, fresh paint, new furniture, outdoor classroom enhancements, a new roof on part of RMS, additional classroom bathrooms at TBS, WHS, and HBS along with many more updates. Professional staff studied hard and attended many workshops over the past several weeks. Their learning focused on many different areas including SEL, data conversation, three-act math tasks, supporting ELLs in the general education class, and many more. We are welcoming new staff during this week of New Teacher Orientation. We’re thrilled to have new teachers and support staff join our Readington family. Lastly, look for more information regarding the start of school from building principals this week.

I look forward to another successful and *magical* school year where we will challenge your children to live purposeful lives with integrity, cultivate a spirit of discovery, and embrace connections in our diverse, global society. Enjoy the remaining days of summer and we’ll see you in a few weeks!

Sincerely,

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