Dear Calverton Families,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year at Calverton Elementary School, the place where students SOAR! I hope you and your families are enjoying the summer and staying safe. I am excited to welcome new and returning students to the building for in-person learning. The elementary school years provide challenging and exciting learning opportunities for students. Calverton Elementary School will provide a rigorous academic program, enriching activities, and high expectations for all.

While the majority of our students will return to the building, PGCPS announced waitlist openings for the temporary Virtual Learning Program for students in kindergarten through sixth grade. Students admitted to this program will learn virtually through January 2022. Although the application window for this program has passed, given the rise of the delta variant, many families have recently expressed interest in virtual learning options. The deadline to submit an application for the waitlist is Friday, August 20, 2021. Please click the link to learn more: https://www.pgcps.org/reconnect-pgcps. To submit your Virtual Learning Program waitlist application, click: Apply for the K-6 Virtual Learning Program.

The Calverton Elementary School teachers and staff are committed to ensuring that every student benefits from our academic efforts and that every family is engaged in rigorous learning and enrichment. As members of our school community, you play an important role in student success. I encourage you to participate in family activities offered to support that success throughout the school year. Please review the following important information regarding school opening carefully.
VIRTUAL CALVERTON PARENT REOPENING MEETING:
Please join me on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 6:00 PM for a Virtual Reopening Meeting for Parents. We’ll review our Reopening Plan, requirements for health and safety, procedures for arrival and dismissal, and procedures for lunch and recess. In addition, we’ll address parent questions. Mrs. Calderon will share the Zoom link for this meeting on August 31, 2021.

TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS:
Teacher assignments will be posted in Schoolmax Family Portal by Wednesday, September 3, 2021. Schoolmax Family Portal is an electronic student information system used by Prince George's County Public schools to record attendance, grades, assignments, report cards, discipline incidents, and other information about your child. Please follow the steps below to set up a Schoolmax Family Portal Account.

How to Set Up a Schoolmax Family Portal Account:
1. Go to www1.pgcps.org.
2. Click on the OPTIONS tab.
3. Click the Schoolmax Family Portal link.
4. Click the Register here link.
5. Follow the prompts for setting up your account. You will need a personal email account, your child’s birthdate and your child’s student ID number (ID can be found on a report card). To request your child’s student ID number, call the school at (301)572-0640).

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:
The first official day of school for students in PGCPS is Wednesday, September 8, 2021. Parents will not accompany students to classrooms. The Calverton Elementary School day will begin promptly at 7:45 AM each morning and conclude at 1:55 PM. As required by the Maryland State Department of Education, PGCPS teachers are required to take daily attendance every morning.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN, KINDERGARTEN, AND FIRST GRADE CLASS VISIT AND VIRTUAL ORIENTATION:
Calverton Elementary School will host a Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and First Grade In-Person Classroom Visit and Virtual Orientation on Friday, September 3, 2021. Bus transportation will not be provided for classroom visits. This experience will provide families an opportunity to become acquainted with the administration, teachers, and instructional program. Additional details including times and the Zoom meeting link will be available in future communication.

VIRTUAL BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT:
Calverton Elementary School will host our virtual Back to School Nights on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 6:30 PM for Grades Pre-K - 2 and Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 6:30 PM for Grades 3-5. More information will be shared soon.

TRANSPORTATION:
The PGCPS Transportation Department will mail out postcards with students’ bus information for the 2021-2022 school year on Monday, August 23, 2021. The postcards will be sent to the latest address you provided to our school registrar in School Max. Students should be at the bus stop ten minutes before the listed times.

Parents may locate designated, comprehensive bus stops using the Infofinder site by entering the home address. Information for the 2021-2022 school year will be available beginning on Monday, August 23, 2021. Use this link to access Infofinder - https://bit.ly/PGCPSinfoFinder

SCHOOL MEALS:
School meals will be free for all students for the school year 2021-2022. Students will receive breakfast and lunch in school and a pre-packaged after school supper meal to take home.

Please complete the Free and Reduced Price Meal Benefit Application online at www.myschoolapps.com. Our school receives Title I funds based on the number of families who qualify for meal benefits.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS:
All Calverton students will wear school uniforms for the school year 2021-2022.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES:
All Grade Levels:

- Students are required to bring and wear a mask at school.
- A book bag and school supplies will be provided to each Calverton Elementary School student free of charge.
- Pre - K and Kindergarten students will receive their backpacks and supplies at Orientation on Friday, September 3, 2021. More information about Orientation will be shared soon.
- Gr. 1 - 5 students will receive their backpacks and supplies on the first day of school, Wednesday, September 8, 2021.

Additional Recommended items for parent purchase:

- Extra mask
Hand Sanitizer
Personal Tissue packets

**CHROMEBOOK/iPAD:**
Calverton Elementary School will provide electronic devices to students for the school year 2021-2022. **Students that previously received a PGCPS Chromebook should continue to use the previously issued device.** Specific information regarding devices for Pre-K, Kindergarten, and First Grade students will be provided in an upcoming communication.

This school year will be filled with exciting learning activities and high levels of student achievement. Please email me at kbrady@pgcps.org or call me at 301-572-0640 if I can be of assistance as we begin the school year.

Sincerely,

Kathleen R. Brady, Ed.D.
Principal