August 10, 2021

Dear Rocket Family,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the 2021 - 2022 year at Fort Washington Forest Elementary School. The staff and I are thrilled that you have entrusted your child’s education to us! We will strive to continue to provide an exciting and rewarding educational program for each and every child at Fort Washington Forest Elementary School. It is our goal this year to create and maintain an enriched learning environment that will engage every child. Along with your assistance we are committed to providing excellent services for ALL students.

The first day of school for the 2021 - 2022 school year is Wednesday, September 8, 2021. The school hours for students are 8:15 a.m. - 2:25 p.m. We will have Pre - Kindergarten Orientation on Friday, September 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. and Kindergarten Orientation at 11:00 a.m. Our “Back to School Night” is scheduled for Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. The uniform and school supply list(by grade level) is posted on the school’s website http://www1.pgcps.org/fortwashingtonforest.

The school year begins with a few additions to our staff. They are: Ms. Sheri Tapscott, Mrs. Nikia Nickerson, Mrs. Glaribel Mendoza, Mrs. Christina St. Marthe, Mrs. Jasmine Law and Mr. Adrian Turner.

Also, masks MUST be worn by ALL students, parents and staff while in the building. All meals will be FREE (No Cost) for all students regardless of meal benefit status for school year 2021-2022. Students will receive breakfast and lunch in school and a pre-packaged after school supper meal to take home. Virtual students will be assigned a location to pick up a weekly meal box. Please complete the meal benefit application online. Eligibility information may be used to qualify newly eligible children for SY 2021-2022 and summer 2022 P-EBT benefits. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact the Department of Food and Nutrition Services on 301-952-6580.

Additionally, I encourage you to become more active in our Parent Teacher Association (PTA). Our PTA is a wonderful way for you to share ideas and support the school’s mission. Another way to get involved includes supporting our school fundraisers, chaperoning field trips, volunteering in the classrooms, and offering to share your area of expertise during our Saturday Academy.

Finally, I sincerely believe in a school environment that is collaborative in nature and draws on the strengths of all stakeholders, while striving for improving student outcomes. Working together will make a difference in the lives of our students.

The staff and I are looking forward to a successful and productive school year with you as a member of our student body!

Sincerely,

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Principal