



Cunniff Elementary School

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Dear Cunniff School Parents, Guardians, and Students,

The long days of summer are beginning to shorten and while the temperatures are currently hot and sticky we know that the daily high temperatures will eventually begin to drop - both signs a new school year is about to commence! I hope you share my excitement and enthusiasm for the year about to unfold. Our first day of school is Tuesday, September 8th. It is a full day for all students in grades 1-5. Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students should consult the informational letter they receive from their child's teacher for the exact schedule for the first few days.

At the start of school we will again be distributing the Cunniff School Handbook. This will be the third year of sharing our handbook with you. We find this to be a useful tool in communicating with the parents, guardians and the students and helped everyone understand the school's policies that we have in place to ensure a community of respect and responsibility. I recommend that you familiarize yourself and your children with the policies and guidelines.

While I did not anticipate a lot of hiring this summer, we nonetheless are having some last minute movement. Fortunately, we did get to rehire our third kindergarten teacher which will make a positive difference with regards to class size in the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten. I will update you of all of the staffing changes in my first letter to you upon our return.

Our two custodians worked hard this summer to help make our building and campus more attractive. Additionally, our flagpole finally got a light installed which will illuminate the flag each evening.

As always, if you have any questions concerning the Cunniff School, I urge you to contact your child's teacher first. Communication between all persons involved in your child's learning experience is vital for success.

I am enthusiastic and excited about working with familiar parents and meeting new families in the upcoming weeks. See you soon.

Sincerely,

Stephen L. Billhardt