



P.S. du PONT MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear PSDMS Families,

Welcome back to school. I am excited about starting the 2021-2022 school year and delighted that each of you are part of our amazing school community. As I start my 2nd year as the proud principal of P.S du Pont Middle School. I am recharged and ready to begin what will be the best school year ever. Our skilled and positive staff are already planning and preparing for your child(ren). This year our motto will be, This Is How We **R.O.L.L.** as we **R**estore **O**ur **L**ove for **L**earning.

Along with the teachers and staff, I will work hard to continue the legacy of success established at PSDMS by building strong relationships with parents, students and community partners. We will continue our Parenting Sessions from the summer with Mrs. LaVante Dorsey as we work to build a stronger community. We will focus on Common Core skills, use data to drive instructional practices and all decisions, and provide consistent implementation of social emotional learning in all classes.

At P.S. duPont Middle School, the mission of the district guides our vision *to provide a welcoming environment where students are empowered to become respectful, responsible, and engaged citizens.* Our vision represents our values as a school community. The way we plan to get there is through our Core Values: Respectful, Responsible, Engaged, and Empowered. These values help communicate our purpose and guide our decisions. They align with our school initiatives and district goals.

We are excited to celebrate the start of school with a *Welcome Back Event* on Wednesday, August 25th from 3:30pm-5:30pm in the front of the school. Please expect more information to be shared in the coming days. The first day of school for 6th graders is August 30th and all students will attend August 31st. Students should arrive to school each day at 7:55 am as the first bell rings at 8:00 am. Car riders and walkers will enter through the front doors of the school building, while all bus riders will enter through the cafeteria in the rear of the school. A quick breakfast will be served in the cafeteria starting at 7:55 am. I have also attached a copy of the middle school bell schedule.

I am excited about getting back to some form of normalcy with all students returning to the building for instruction five days a week. Although all students and staff will be masked, our faces will be smiling from ear to ear. This year we will continue to work to provide academic experiences for our students that are rigorous, relevant, and help them build relationships while making real-world connections. As your Principal, it is important to me that everyone who steps through our doors, are excited to be here. This attitude enables us to meet the challenges of academic excellence in a positive, fun, and nurturing environment. Please feel free to contact me or anyone on the admin team throughout the school year. We welcome your suggestions, concerns and positive feedback.

Your Proud Principal,

Kimberly O. Gibbs

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