## SOUTHWARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Andrew Lukov, Principal

Dear Southwark Families,

Welcome back to the 2017-2018 academic school year at Southwark School!

Southwark's mission is to develop leadership in our students and educate them so they are on grade-level and beyond in reading, writing and mathematics, in a safe, clean, and caring environment through the support of staff, parents and community. Southwark is also very proud to be one of Mayor Kenney's eleven Community Schools. With our partnership with the City of Philadelphia, we are dedicated to providing support to our students and families.

The school is presenting you with a series of important documents to help facilitate communication between the school and home, and can be used as a reference for school policies, procedures, and information. Please read them carefully and refer to them frequently. We hope you find the information in these documents useful and informative. Please also note that we are in our second year of our new arrival and dismissal policy that assists in ensuring the safety of all of our children. We ask that you continue to support this initiative by following the outlined procedures.

At Southwark we have core values of equity, inclusion, and respect for the dignity and worth of all members of our school and community. Irrespective of race, religion, immigration status, language, sexual orientation, political affiliation, or social-economic standing, we honor and celebrate the diversity of Southwark. Southwark must be safe haven for our students and families—free from hate, free from intimidation, free from bullying and free from fear.

Please feel free to contact our school if you have any questions and/or concerns. We look forward to meeting you at our annual *Back to School Night*, Wednesday, September 19, 2017, from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm.

Sincerely,

Andrew Lukov Principal