

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Greetings from McClure! Thank you for all of your support and efforts during this school year!

This letter and packet contains important information for the 2014-2015 school year including your child's Grade and Room Assignment, Summer Reading List, Summer Websites, School Supply Lists for 2014-2015, and PSSA Parent Letters for students in Grades 3-5. You will also find important Back to School dates for planning purposes.

Please note that the **first day of school for students in Grades 1-5 is Monday, September 8, 2014.**

In order to ensure the safety of all of our students, students should report to the schoolyard **NO EARLIER than 8:20 a.m.**, and move directly to their designated lines. Although I am a huge proponent of sports and exercise, the morning admission is not the time or place for football, tag, or such activities that may place students in danger. **School officially begins at 8:30 a.m.** At 8:30 a.m., I will greet the McClure community and we will recite the Pledge of Allegiance. We ask that anyone who arrives to the gate during the greeting or pledge please wait a moment outside the gates until completed and then move quickly and quietly to the line. Your child will be marked late once the classes have entered the building (**8:35 a.m.**) and will need to enter through the Marshall Street door for a late pass. During inclement weather students in Grades K-2 may enter the 6th Street schoolyard door at 8:20 a.m. and report to the gym. Students in Grades 3-5 will report to the lunchroom at 8:20 a.m. through the Marshall Street door. Due to safety concerns, parents will be asked to drop off their children at the door and the students will be escorted to the appropriate locations. **Dismissal will take place at 3:09 p.m.** We ask that parents/guardians kindly wait for their children at the assigned classroom spots- where students lined up in the morning.

Parents/guardians of students in Grades K-2 will be required to sign-out (signature required) the students on a daily basis and update K-2 teachers and the Main Office regarding changes about who has permission to pick up their children. We believe a formal dismissal procedure is necessary to ensure the safety and supervision of our students and appreciate your patience with our dismissal procedure.

The **tentative 2014-2015 BREAKFAST** Program will function as follows:

- a. **Grades K-3** will eat breakfast in their classrooms from 8:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m.
- b. **Grades 4-5** will eat in the lunchroom from 8:30-8:45 a.m.

The 2014-2015 **UNIFORM** Policy will function as follows:

a. Grades K-5:

- Navy blue pants, skirts or jumpers and a white collared shirt
- Navy blue sweaters or sweatshirts to wear over the uniform shirt (hoodless sweatshirts preferred) during cold weather. Hoodies will be prohibited in the classrooms for the 2015-2016 school year so please plan accordingly.
- Please expect information in September about the implementation of a Gym Uniform Policy starting in the 2014-2015 school year.

The 2014-2015 **Electronic Policy** will function as follows:

First Confiscation

Cell phones, digital cameras, pagers, radios, headphones, I-Pods, games and other electronic devices are not permitted to be used during school time. A caregiver must come up to the office between 3:30-3:45 p.m. Monday-Friday to sign for and retrieve the device.

Second Confiscation

If a student has the same electronic device or another electronic device confiscated, it will not be returned until June.

Below you will find your child's assignment for the 2014-2015 school year. Teachers will meet students in the schoolyard on September 8th and will hold a classroom sign to help you identify where your child needs to go. Please note that the morning time is a time to greet and say hello to teachers and staff; if you have individual concerns or questions, kindly call the school to make an appointment with the teacher or staff member. **Kindergarten students will report on Monday, September 15th.** Kindergarten teachers will contact Kindergarten parents in early September to set up a conference and time to come in to meet the teachers.

2014-2015 Student Assignment:

Your child, _____,

has been assigned to

Grade: _____ Room: _____ Teacher: _____.

Please keep this information in a safe place and bring it with you on the first day of school in September so you know what line your child needs to be in. Careful planning and consideration has been given to room assignments; the school does not grant individual requests for room assignments. Thank you for your cooperation.

More information will be distributed with the students on the first day of school- including the September calendar and newsletter. We will also hold Home and School Association Elections in September so please consider running for Home and School office for the 2014-2015 school year. Enjoy your summer and I look forward to collaborating with you for another successful school year!

Sincerely,

Sharon Marino
Principal

