

**THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
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Dear McClure Students and Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your family healthy and enjoying the last few weeks of summer! I want to take a moment to introduce myself to you; my name is Sharon Marino and I am the proud new principal of McClure Elementary School. I look forward to getting to know you and learning what your vision and goals for our work at McClure is. My hope is that we can spend some time getting to know each other before the school year starts; therefore, it is my pleasure to cordially invite you to our **“Welcome Back” Social on Thursday, August 29th from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.** in the lunchroom. During this time I will share my journey of how McClure became my new home, share opportunities of how you can support our students and school, and inform you about the different initiatives we will participate in this year. Please note that we will have interpretation services during the presentation.

Many exciting opportunities will take place this year at McClure; more detailed information regarding these initiatives will be shared with you during our Back to School Night, which will take place on **Thursday, September 19, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**, and in upcoming newsletters. At this time, I want to highlight one in particular program, “Uniting through Literacy.” “Uniting through Literacy” is a program for McClure families where parents and children take part in literacy activities about health and wellness, family history, and financial literacy. This is a great opportunity for parents to help their children with reading and writing in a fun after school environment. The program includes tea, hot chocolate and coffee for parents, as well as snacks, prizes and take-home materials for the whole family. Each cycle of the program lasts for six weeks, and will be held every Tuesday, throughout each cycle, in the Library.

Please note that the **first day of school for students in Grades 1-5 is Monday, September 9, 2013.** 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 the students on a daily basis and update K-2 teachers and main office regarding 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** 2013-2014 **BREAKFAST** Program will function as follows:

- a. **Grades K-1** will eat breakfast in their classrooms from 8:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m.
- b. **Grades 2-5** will eat in the lunchroom from 8:30-8:45 a.m.

The 2013-2014 **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

The 2013-2014 **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 this school year. Teachers will meet students in the schoolyard on September 9th 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. Also note that supply lists will be sent home with children on the first day of school. **Kindergarten students will report on Monday, September 16th.** Kindergarten teachers will be in touch with Kindergarten parents to set up a conference and time to come in to meet the teachers.

2013-2014 Student Assignment:

Your child, _____, has been assigned to

Grade: _____ Room: _____ Teacher: _____.

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. I hope to see you on the 29th and look forward to collaborating with you for a successful school year!

Sincerely,

Sharon Marino
Principal

