



# Catonsville Elementary School

August 12, 2021

Dear Parent and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! We hope that you have had an enjoyable and relaxing summer and were able to reconnect with friends and family. Our doors will open to students on Monday, August 30th, and we are beyond excited to have students return to five full days of in-person instruction. We know that there are still uncertainties, and we will adapt to every change with our students' social emotional and academic well-being at the forefront. The one thing that will not change is our staff's desire to guide all students to their fullest potential and help all students meet success!

As you know, each year brings change, and this year is no different. We would like to wish the following staff members the best in their new positions and thank them for their service to the CES community.

- Mrs. Missy Wheeler- retirement
- Ms. Joyce Bert- retirement
- Ms. Monica Potts
- Ms. Michelle Brennan
- Ms. Lisa Beck
- Ms. Ashley Button
- Ms. Audrey Jones

We would like to welcome the following staff to the Catonsville Elementary team!

- Ms. Molly Curry- 1st Grade
- Mrs. Lisa Atkinson - Prekindergarten
- Mrs. Amber Watson - School Nurse
- Mrs. Kristin Neville - Paraeducator
- Ms. Jessica Reynolds - 4th Grade
- Ms. Sara Aglietti - Special Education
- Ms. Alexa Brunson- Cafeteria Manager

The first day of school is **\*Monday, August 30, 2021**. School hours are 8:40-3:25. Doors open for students at 8:25. Please note the dismissal time has changed from previous years. Staff members and administrators will be available at the drop off, bus loop and in the hallways to help guide students to their classrooms. Parents and visitors will not be able to walk students to the classroom. Your child's homeroom assignment is included in your summer packet.

In order to make the first day of school a positive experience for everyone, we will hold a [Meet and Greet on Thursday August 26, from 4:00-6:30pm](#). At this time, students and parents will be able to meet the teacher, drop off school supplies, and hopefully meet some classmates. This event will either be inside the classrooms or on our back field depending on COVID protocols at the time. Please check the CES website for additional details throughout the week of the 23rd. To help keep crowds at a minimum, we are asking that families follow the schedule below:

4:00-4:40 Students with last names beginning with [A - J](#)

4:50-5:30 Students with last names beginning with [K - R](#)

5:40-6:20 Students with last names beginning with [S - Z](#)

Included in this packet is a large amount of information and several forms. Be sure to read them carefully and complete the appropriate sections. Please sign and return the form that includes your child's name, address, and contact information after making any necessary corrections. Students as well will complete the *Acceptable Use of Technology Agreement* form at school in their classrooms. All students will have the option of receiving a free school breakfast and lunch this year. Students can bring lunch from home if they prefer. The lunch menu can be found on the BCPS website and will be sent home at the beginning of each month.

Please take these last few weeks to spend time with family and friends and doing the things that you enjoy most. We are planning an exciting school year and need everyone ready to come in and put forth your best efforts starting on the very first day. There are no limits to what we can accomplish!

Sincerely,

*MeLissa Powers*

MeLissa Powers, Principal

*Alicia Hess*

Alicia Hess (Etienne), Assistant Principal

\*Pre-K and kindergarten will follow a gradual entrance schedule as noted in a separate letter.

\*1<sup>st</sup> grade will have an early entry day. Information is in a separate letter.