



August 2021

Dear Drew Families and Staff,

On behalf of our leadership team, we hope you are enjoying a uniquely wonderful summer. We also hope you are relaxed, recharged and ready to start a new school year within the Drew school community. We are delighted that you are part of our amazing community and look forward to spending the year learning alongside our staff, students, and parents. We welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education. Most of all, we look forward to all the new learning opportunities and adventures that will continue to prepare us for our future.

This year will be filled with numerous learning opportunities for our students, as well as the parents. As a Drew school community, we will continue to join together to support student social emotional and academic growth in every way possible. It is our goal to provide excellent services to the community in which we serve and to meet the needs of **all** students. We promote collaboration and continue to seek ways to improve our services to you.

Personally, we acknowledge that we are all anxious to learn what the new school year might look like as we return to in person schooling. During the final weeks of summer, we are creating safe places for us to come back to together to learn from one another. We will continue to share more details in the days ahead as we finalize schedules and assign students to classrooms. We appreciate those who submitted feedback about your Spring learning experiences to help us customize our plans for Drew.

During the first weeks of school, you can expect your children to have dedicated time to connect with their teachers, become reoriented to Drew, the myMCPS platform, and participate in activities that support interconnectedness with their classroom and school community. All students and staff will be **expected** to wear masks while at school while indoors. Students will follow a regular weekly schedule which includes morning meetings, mathematics, English language arts, science, social studies, specials, and recess/lunch. Grades will be given and attendance will be taken in the morning. Finally, families and staff can expect frequent communication updates in *The Splash*, our school communication tool which is typically sent on Sunday evenings. Please make sure your contact information is always up to date in Synergy so you don't miss anything- more information coming soon. Additionally, we encourage you to register for MCPS [quicknotes](#) for additional system information. Our staff is working tirelessly to make the transition back to the schoolhouse as smooth as possible for everyone.

In preparing for the school year, I have highlighted a few “fun facts” below to help you transition back to school including: upcoming events, school spirit wear and the staff roster. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out with any other questions. Your thoughts and opinions are valued and we are collaboratively committed to the partnership for success.

Sincerely,

Meredith Casper

Meredith Casper, Principal

Aaron McKinley

Aaron McKinley, Assistant Principal

Save the Dates- Upcoming Events

August

26	Drew Sneak Peek 2:00 - 3:00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2:00 – 2:30 PreK – Grade 2 • 2:30 – 3:00 Grade 3 - 5 • 2:15 – 2:45 Students with siblings <i>Grade level lists with teacher assignments will be posted on 8/2.</i>
27	Drew: Kindergarten Welcome to School 10:00 - 11:30
30	First Day of School
31	School Community School Spirit Wear Sale Opens

September

1	School Spirit Day: Shine Bright into the New Year (neon)
8	Back to School Night <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:15 - Instrumental Music • 7:00 - 8:30 School sessions (scheduled to be announced)
13	School Community School Spirit Wear Sale Ends
23	Drew School Community Mixer: Parents, staff and students 8:30 - 9:15

Drew Instructional Day

9:00	Students begin lining up
9:05	Doors open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All visitors must enter through the front of the building and sign in on the front desk computer; Per MCPS policy, all classroom visits must be pre-arranged with school staff • <u>All tardy students</u> must be signed in by an adult after 9:25 a.m.
9:05 -9:30	Universal Breakfast
9:30 -9:40	Morning Meeting (schoolwide)
9:40	Instructional day begins
3:50	End of the instructional day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents/guardians should arrive before 3:30 p.m. if you must sign out your child early

2021-22 Staff Roster

<p><u>Principal:</u> Meredith Casper <u>Assistant Principal:</u> Aaron McKinley</p> <p><u>OFFICE STAFF</u> Nicole Nichols - Attendance Secretary Michele Whiting – Admin. Secretary</p> <p><u>HEALTH ROOM</u> Medhanit Kifle- Nurse Teresa Sherwood- Technician</p> <p><u>STUDENT SUPPORT PERSONNEL</u> Keena Howell- Pupil Personnel Worker Lan Nguyen- Parent Community Coordinator Sarah Stout Powers - Psychologist</p> <p><u>STAFF SUPPORT</u> Rebecca Bentov – Staff Development Ashley Dickerson - Reading Specialist Jackie Skandalis - Math Content Coach Timothy Skillings - School Counselor</p> <p><u>SPECIAL AREA TEACHERS</u> Kristen Domenick - Art (.1) Kristen Forman - Art Daniella Krohn - Instrumental Music Shelly Mauck- Music Lauren Rinker - Physical Education Jennifer Taylor - Music (.1) Lori Tecler - Media Specialist Gaston Zossoungbo - PE/Adaptive PE (.5)</p> <p><u>CAFETERIA</u> Josefa Flores - Manager TBD - Assistant</p> <p><u>RELATED SERVICE PROVIDERS</u> Princess Evans: Speech/Lang Pathologist Sharon Johnson: Occupational Therapist Tracy Mcguire-Rossetti: Physical Therapist Evelyn Oliveira: Speech/Lang Pathologist Sybil Yaver: Occupational Therapist</p>	<p><u>PRE-K</u> Shalini Komal</p> <p><u>Head Start</u> Allyson Levine</p> <p><u>KINDERGARTEN</u> Tiffanie Arnold Lacey Moradel Karen Schlueter</p> <p><u>FIRST GRADE</u> Elise Mahoney Ashley Wilkinson Lauren Yachera</p> <p><u>SECOND GRADE</u> Jennifer Ahmed-Morton Sarah Bridegum Zainab Thuro</p> <p><u>THIRD GRADE</u> Kim Hartke Juniole Justilien</p> <p><u>FOURTH GRADE</u> Judith Blackman (CES) Kim Leichtling (CES) Corey Logsdon Teresa Somin Lydia Tippet</p> <p><u>FIFTH GRADE</u> Jessica Bain (CES) Stephanie Fernatt David Fish (CES) Stephanie Russo</p> <p><u>BUILDING SERVICES</u> Anthony Beckford Jose Macias: Manager Carolina Martinez Gary Omeir Aaron Ruffin: Asst. Manager</p>	<p><u>SPECIAL EDUCATION & ESOL TEACHERS</u> Monica Bell - SCB Theresa Bohlinger - SPED Cara Flanders - ESOL/Academic Support Ekan Gilpin - SCB Jessica Gray - SCB Laura Hellman - SCB Jacob Houy - SCB Ashley Libbee- SPED Lisa Orifici - ESOL Carmen Soriano-Garcia - ESOL Dawn Traub - SPED HS</p> <p><u>SUPPORTING SERVICES</u> Susan Ehrenspeck - Media Assist.</p> <p><u>PARAEDUCATORS</u> Amtul Ahmed Caryn Becker Whitney Beng Maya Butler Alexandra Christopher Connie Edsinger Michele Fuentes Phebean Gorvie Jacqueline Gray Marley Hein Pamela Henderson Alicia Holmes Carmen Jackson Malika Jackson Mary Beth Jalickee Ja’Bre Lee Miriam McCabe Jasmine Mitchell Mary Oliver Micahel Perez Tim Roderick Patricia Sigley Mary Suto Deb Tivvis Kim Waterworth Karen Winston</p>
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New to Drew School Community
Returning to Drew from Leave