Dear Resnik Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year. I hope that you and your children are having a relaxing summer and are looking forward to beginning a new school year. The office staff and I have been busy enrolling new students, hiring new staff and planning for a great year ahead. I am sure many of you have been hearing about the staffing shortages within the county. I am pleased to announce that all of our classroom positions have been filled, but we are still in need of a few paraeducator positions and a part-time music and PE teacher. If you know anyone interested in working at Resnik or for Montgomery County Public Schools, please encourage them to apply on MyMCPS careers, or contact me directly.

This summer, Ms. Kiarie and Ms. Moretz ran a very successful summer school program. If your child attended summer school, I’m sure they came home telling you about the weekly themes, jokes of the day, new learning, and fun they had during summer school. Many of our Resnik teachers were in the building to support our students this summer, so our students were able to establish sound relationships and receive meaningful instruction. I want to thank our Resnik teachers for their commitment to expanding our students’ knowledge and skills.

When students return in the Fall, they will continue to follow COVID protocols. Masks are still optional for all students. Additional information on COVID protocols and procedures are attached. When our students return, they will also notice our new gym floor. The gym floor is a construction project that has been in the works for a long time. I am elated that we have received a new gym floor and I know that our Physical Education Teacher, Mr. Kirby and our students will enjoy learning and playing on a gym floor that is shiny and new. Students will also continue to have access to Chromebooks via classroom Chromebook carts to support their daily learning. The Chromebooks have been updated and are ready for student use in school.

This year we have several new staff members who have joined the Resnik Community.

They are as follows:

- **Bridget Arensmeyer** - is new to the county and will be joining our 2nd grade team.
- **Tara Blurton** - is new to the county and will be joining our 2nd grade team.
- **Elvire Cajuste** - was previously a counselor in Baltimore County Public Schools and she will be our new part-time counselor and part-time ESOL teacher.
- **Michelle DeHass** - was a former 2nd grade teacher and will be our new reading specialist.
- **Regina Hyman** - is an experienced para educator who will be working with individual and small groups of students.
- **Aimee Mata** - is an experienced 2nd grade teacher, and she will be joining our 2nd grade team.
• Melinda McNally - was previously a para educator in the county, and she will be joining our 4th grade team.
• Cinthya Rosales - is an experienced kindergarten teacher, and she will be joining our kindergarten team.
• Jennifer Rowland - is an experienced para educator who will be working with individual and small groups of students.
• Farzona Shukurova - was previously a long-term substitute for the county, and she will be joining our 2nd grade team.

We are very thrilled about the new additions to our staff and know you will welcome them into our Resnik Elementary School Family.

The staff and I look forward to seeing all families during the Open House which will be held on Friday, August 26. The Open House will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 10:30 a.m. During this time, you will have the opportunity to meet your child’s teachers and tour the classroom. Your child will receive a “welcome to my class” phone call and email from his/her new teacher during the week of August 22nd. I can assure you that we devoted great thought, time, and energy to creating balanced classes. In addition, we took great care in selecting the best class groupings as possible. I appreciate your support of all staff. We feel that we have a very dynamic staff with many talented teachers who are eagerly awaiting your children. If you have not yet registered your incoming kindergarten student or know a neighbor that hasn’t registered their child yet, please encourage them to come in this week.

The additional attached documents contain important information. Please carefully review these documents and keep them handy for your reference. Please be advised that our school times remain the same this year. School begins for students at 9:00 AM and will end at 3:25 PM. Enjoy the rest of the summer. The staff and I are looking forward to a great 2022-2023 school year at Judith A. Resnik Elementary School.

Sincerely,

LaTricia Thomas
Principal