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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian:

The 2007-2008 school year has begun and we are excited about the many new and returning programs created to increase access and participation in your child's educational experience. **Our experiences and research confirms that students are much more successful in school when their parents are actively involved in the educational experiences.**

One of our successful returning programs is the Parent Visitation Program (PVP) which was formed to increase parental access to schools while improving communication between parents and teachers.

As we did last year, we are inviting each parent/guardian to schedule at least two days during the school year to observe the instructions taking place in the classroom. You are encouraged to spend a day, morning or afternoon in your child's class or as little as 20 minutes to view the daily routines, interactive instructional strategies, and the excitement of the teaching and learning process. By participating as an observer, you will gain a better understanding of the curriculum, assessment process, and how you can support your child's academic outcomes at home.

Each school has a Parent Liaison who will be available to assist you in scheduling a class visit. Plan ahead and contact your child's school-based Parent Liaison to schedule your visitation day(s). To assist you in planning ahead, a copy of the 2007-2008 school calendar and a Parent Visitation Form is attached. Upon completion of the form, return it to the Parent Liaison.

Please note the following dates: April 1-10 and April 23-May 13 are not available for parent(s)/guardian visits. Students are taking the Maryland School Assessment. However, class visits may be scheduled any other time throughout the entire school year. Principals, teachers, and all school employees are anticipating an extraordinary turnout, so make your appointments early.

Sincerely,

John E. Deasy
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