

COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

Springhill Lake Elementary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Springhill Lake Elementary School for the 2018-2019 school year. We look forward to another exciting and productive school year. As in the past, our faculty & staff will continue to create a positive culture of learning where all students can experience academic, social & emotional success. We encourage all of our scholars to **SOAR (Students On Academic Rise)** and embrace our commitment to being safe, organized, accountable, and respectful in order to guarantee success this school year.

We value your input and look forward to a quality home-school collaborative relationship. Through our commitment to our children, we know and believe that this will be a special year of growth, development, and achievement for your son/daughter.

With the start of a new academic year, your child will set **SMART** Goals with their teacher(s). I encourage you to take a moment to discuss these goals with your child because as we know positive goal setting is the first step towards long lasting achievement.

Our Annual Back to School Night is scheduled for Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. During this time, parents will be presented with important information about policies, routines, practices, and content curriculum as it relates to our learning environment.

Our school doors open for our students at 7:30 a.m. Every student is able to receive breakfast upon entering their classroom. Please understand that for the safety of our children, students should not be dropped off and left unattended prior to the opening of the school doors. In order to maximize our instructional day, all classes will begin their learning day at 7:50 a.m. All students are expected to be in their first class at this time. Dismissal will begin each day at 1:55 p.m.

Springhill Lake is committed to ensuring a safe environment for our students and staff. Our school doors will lock promptly at 7:50 a.m. All persons wanting to enter our school house must present valid identification at the camera located near the main entrance door. Secondly, vehicles are not permitted to enter the school parking lots during morning and afternoon dismissals and while PGCPS buses are dropping and picking up students. Staff members/community volunteers will be visible at these areas to enforce these safety policies for the well-being of our children. We ask for your 100% commitment!!

In closing, I would like to encourage you to make a special effort to join with our faculty and staff at school sponsored activities. We will make a strong effort to improve our channels of communications between home and school. We will notify you of all events via school website, telephone calls, text messages, emails, US mail, school marquee, agenda books, and/or Wednesday Folders. Please be sure that the school has your current information throughout the school year. We are aiming to strengthen the vital home-school partnership/collaboration that drives student success. *“When a community achieves, we all achieve!”*

Important Reminders:

- ⇒ All New and Returning students must complete a 2018-2019 Lunch Application via website at www.pgcps.org. The full price for Lunch is \$2.75 beginning September 4, 2018.
- ⇒ Students are expected to wear school uniform daily. Our uniform consists of White, Light Blue or Navy Blue Collared Shirts, Navy Blue Uniform Pants/skirts, and closed toe rubber sole shoes.
- ⇒ Early Dismissal ends promptly at 1:30 p.m. Any adult (age 18+) requesting to pick-up a student early must have a valid identification and placed in the school system’s database.
- ⇒ Throughout the first week of school, teachers have begun the work with your students of becoming independent learners. With that said, beginning September 10, 2018, parents/guardians will not be permitted to escort their child (ren) to their homeroom class. Parents/Guardians are welcomed to enter the building with a valid Driver’s License/ US Passport at 8:00 a.m.

Please feel free to contact any staff member after instructional hours at 301-513-5996 or via email. The faculty of Springhill Lake ES is here to assist and support you throughout the school year.

In service for children,

Ms. Natasha K. Jenkins
Principal

