August 19, 2020
Greetings Waldon Woods Elementary Families,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year!
This school year will begin with 100% virtual learning! **Monday, August 31, 2020 at 9:00am**

“**Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.**”
– Nelson Mandela

The world is rapidly changing all around us, it is imperative that educators stay abreast of these changes and prepare our young people for what lies ahead. Virtual instruction is inevitably the new way of teaching and learning here at Waldon Woods we are excited to meet the challenge. Whether we are in the schoolhouse or on a computer screen, it is our mission to provide the highest quality of education, ensuring that every student is prepared for a 21st century global society!

I am excited about this sixth year serving as Principal of this exceptional school. Waldon Woods Elementary will continue with our vision of on the “Track to Excellence”. This vision illustrates a school track that is student centered and future focused. Through rigorous instructional practices, relevant learning experiences and strong productive relationships, the students of Waldon Woods Elementary are bound for a 21st century world class educational experience. I look forward to working with you to guarantee the accomplishment of these goals.

Through a virtual platform we will continue to implement the Common Core State Standards in alignment with the school district, as well as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) as the measure of accountability. The Common Core is a very rigorous and challenging curriculum, but it is necessary in order to help our students become critical thinkers and complex problem solvers.

I am thrilled at the opportunity to continue to steward the collaborative vision that will take Waldon Woods Elementary to the next level. This staff is phenomenal and we continuously will work to provide your child the best education, which is the key to their future. I know that each of us working together will ensure that the Waldon Woods Elementary School’s Train of Excellence progresses forward!

Educationally yours,
Dr. Nicole Crumpler Abubaker
Dr. Nicole Crumpler Abubaker, Principal
Here is some important information to help you prepare for the 2020/2021 School Year:

The first day of school begins on Monday, August 31, 2020 at 9:00am!

**Virtual instruction will be from August 31, 2020- January 29, 2021!!!**

**Virtual School Hours:** Our school day begins at 9:00 a.m. We ask that the students are logged in their Google Classroom by 9:00am. **Attendance will be taken daily at 9am, 12:30pm (following lunch) and at the end of the day.** Our school day ends at 3:00 p.m.

**Teacher/Class Assignments:** This information will be available on August 21, 2020 via Schoolmax. You will also receive a correspondence that outlines your student's homeroom teacher log in information and daily zoom links.

**School Supplies:** The school supplies lists are available on the PGCPS website under Distance Learning School Supplies.

**Lunch/Breakfast:** Breakfast and lunch will be offered at the school. Students will need their pin numbers to receive meals.

**Free and Reduced Lunch Application:** The completion of the forms is a necessity. The federal government utilizes the information on these forms to determine Title 1 status. This application must be completed on a yearly basis and after September 30th, 2020, your child will not continue to receive their free lunch benefit if the form is not completed and they WILL have to pay. Please complete the form at the PGCPS website, under the Food and Nutrition link.

**Uniforms:**

This year uniforms for virtual learning is not mandatory, however we are asking that students are dressed and prepared for instruction. Uniform tops are recommended. The Waldon Woods uniform is:

- Navy Blue or White Polo Shirts (short or long sleeves)
- Navy Bottoms (Shorts, Skorts, Pants, Skirts, or Dresses)
- ****Any color and style of shoe will be allowed!
- ****Any color socks or tight will be allowed!

**Important Dates:**

- **Wednesday, August 26, 2020 1pm-4pm**  *WWES Materials Distribution Day*
- **Friday, August 28, 2020 9am-12pm**  *PGCPS Mock Learning Day*
- **Monday, August 31, 2020 9am**  *First Day of School for All Students*
- **Monday, August 31, 2020 6:00pm**  *Virtual Back To School Night*