



DES GATOR NEWS

August 31, 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome to all new and returning Davidsonville families! Our DES Welcome Mat is out for all of our students, parents and staff members. Our total enrollment is six hundred and sixty eight. The First through Fifth Grade youngsters came to school so excited last week! The Kindergartners who arrived with their parents for their conferences and staggered days looked so eager to get started at their new school.

We had an amazing response at our "Sneak-a-Peek" on Thursday, August 18, 2016. Thank you to all the parents who made special arrangements to bring their children to school that afternoon and deliver their school supplies. All of our teachers were thrilled to see their students and show them their desks. As a result of these efforts, the first day of school went so smoothly. Also, the week before, we hosted New Family Orientation. Our new families were invited to tour the building, hear about our plans for the upcoming year and greet other children new to Davidsonville. We are prepared for all of the students who are so anxious to start the new school year!

Please join me in putting the Gators Welcome Mat out for many of our new and returning Davidsonville teachers. We have joining our first grade team Ms. Berge, Mrs. Joyce and Mrs. Whetzel. On our second grade team Ms. Quigley and Ms. Michaels have moved in. Third grade Mrs. Yancey has joined in on the fun, fourth grade we welcome two new faces Mrs. Mourterot and Mrs. Neeley along with Ms. Zacks who has moved up. Then of course our fifth grade team which now has our new teacher Mrs. Kahl along with Ms. Williams and Ms. Kramer who have moved up.

Our Parent Newsletters will continue to be posted electronically on the Davidsonville Elementary website. To read the newsletter, please go to www.aacps.org home page. In the left hand side of the homepage, under School Links, look for elementary schools. Drop down to Davidsonville Elementary and you will see the link to our website. Once on the website, you will see links to DES on the right and AACPS links on the left. The newsletter will be listed on the right with all of our DES links. It will be updated the last Wednesday of every month. Look for this information including current staff rosters, yearly school calendar of events, our DES Handbook which includes our own policies and procedures, and other timely updates to be posted on our website. Remember follow Davidsonville Elementary on Twitter to see and read about the many exciting lessons and events going on in the classrooms every day. Please remember to check the DES website on the last Wednesday of every month to read the latest newsletter.

Please remember to reserve Tuesday, September 6th, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. for Davidsonville's Back to School Night. The evening will conclude by 8:00 p.m. As this is a parent information evening, parents are asked to refrain from bringing children to Back to School Night. Also, Back to School Night is an opportunity for teachers to relay general classroom information to parents. It is not a time for individual parent/teacher conferences. We look forward to seeing all of our parents on Tuesday, September 6th at 6:30 p.m. for Back to School Night!

Gratefully,
Jean Marie Hofstetter, Principal