

August 19, 2019

Dear Adaire Families:

Welcome back! Or, if you are new to the Adaire family, welcome and thank you for choosing our amazing school for your child's education. I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer and are ready to start a new school year on September 3rd.

Last school year was filled with lots of fun learning experiences and student successes. Here are a few of our favorite memories:

- School Progress Report overall gain of 34%
- Chess Team finished 10th city wide!
- 5th and 8th Gr. 1st Place Reading Olympics
- 2 Students selected for All City Band
- FoA 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat
- FoA 1st Annual Saturday Social Holiday Party
- FoA 1st Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- FoA 4th Annual Concert
- FoA 4th Annual Auction
- FoA Annual Fund Launch

We are already gearing up for an incredible new school year. Our teachers have attended training sessions to better help all students learn and grow. Our front office team is updating student files and ordering new materials. Our hard-working custodians have spent the summer cleaning our school. And, our cafeteria workers are preparing to serve your children delicious, healthy and <u>free</u> breakfast and lunch each school day.

We're also delighted to welcome new additions to our staff. Please check out upcoming eNews issues to read about all our new team members. We did a quick intro for all new people in our first eNews of August. You can see everyone here. Or go to the friendsofadaire.org and check out the NEWS tab on the 8/11/2019 issue and subscribe if you haven't already. We are also very excited to be launching the Second Steps Social Emotional Learning curriculum school wide and implementing the Eureka math curriculum for all grades. And the building has been upgraded over the summer with a new boiler system. This upgrade will touch every single space in the building.

Be sure to visit www.philasd.org for important back-to-school information such as how to get a Philadelphia School TransPass and a list of vaccines your child will need to attend school. I also want to invite you to attend our **Back-to-School Night on Monday, September 23 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.** This will be a great time to meet teachers and other families, and learn more about the new school year.

All of us at Adaire look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday, September 3rd, at 8:36 AM and working with our families and community to support high-level learning. As always, please feel free to reach out to me at AJenkins@philasd.org with questions or concerns. Together, we can make this school year our best one yet!

Principal Anna Jenkins