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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year. It is my pleasure to serve as the proud Principal of Mendenhall Elementary. It is with much enthusiasm and high expectations that I look forward to a great school year. Students will begin class on Monday, August 10, 2020. As you already know, the beginning of this school year will be a little different than those in the past. By now, you should have received a survey from HCPS in which you will select the best option for your student to begin the 2020-2021 school year. These surveys are due by July 10, and it is imperative that we receive one for each child as we plan and prepare for the upcoming year.

If there are any special concerns or questions prior to the first day, our staff will be more than happy to assist you. If you have selected the traditional face-to-face learning, please make sure that you fill out the attached dismissal form for each of your students. You will send this form completed with your child on the 1st day of school. This is a vital piece of information that ensures that all students get home safely on the first day and every day.

Due to student safety, students may not arrive on campus prior to 7:10 AM. Teachers will open their classrooms at 7:10 AM. Free breakfast is served daily from 7:10 - 7:35 AM. We strongly encourage all students to eat breakfast daily.

There are a few things you can do to make our year go smoothly. All car riders must be dropped off and picked up in the back of the school. The traffic flow around the school is located on Bedingfield Drive. You may only turn right on to Bedingfield; there is NO left turn onto this road. Please do not drop off or pick up in the front of the school. Limited parking is available in the front of the school for parents who have business related matters to address in the front office. Make sure that you are parking legally and not blocking driveways. Please encourage all students that are walking home, to walk down streets that have sidewalks for their safety.

On the first day of school, your child will receive a packet with all the necessary information and forms that you should read, sign and return. Please be sure to complete the information forms included in the packet. We know the success of our students depends on the school, parents and community working together. We invite you to join the PTA and volunteer for various school events. We will be sending additional information about the beginning of the school year as it becomes available; please make sure that our office has your correct address and phone number to ensure you receive all information in a timely manner. We are confident that no matter which learning model you have selected, your child will have an engaging and productive learning experience.

Sincerely,

Cristina Fernandez
Principal