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**Bryn Mawr Pledge**  
I Am RESPECTFUL, I Am RESPONSIBLE, I Am SAFE  
We Are BRYN MAWR, We Are The BULLDOGS, We Are The FUTURE!

Dear Families,

August 2, 2017

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! I hope that your summer has been filled with family, fun and moments that left you smiling and feeling blessed. I took the first two weeks off in July. My family and I spent one week up north at my parent's cabins and then headed on a road trip to Colorado. We had an amazing time reconnecting and making memories. This upcoming fall, my son will be a freshman in High School, my daughter will be heading to Middle School as a 6<sup>th</sup> grader, and my youngest will be entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Spending time with my family was priceless, but my thoughts would often drift to your children...our Bryn Mawr students. I miss them all and cannot wait to hear about their summers. Soon enough summer will be over and the halls of Bryn Mawr will be bustling with the sound of student's laughter and excitement.

I am excited to return for my 3<sup>rd</sup> year at Bryn Mawr as your Principal. I am committed the Bryn Mawr community, serving the students and families of Bryn Mawr. New to our Administrative team is Mr. Cunningham. He is the new Administrative TOSA (teacher on special assignment) for the 2017-2018 school year. He will be an asset to the Administrative team. This year, we have many new teachers joining our team. You will also notice that some of our returning teachers are teaching in different grade levels.

At the end of the school year, the school board adopted a new Literacy curriculum for Pre-Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Our ECSE and High-5 students will be using the Houghton Mifflin Literacy curriculum and our K-5 grade students will be using Pearson. All teachers have been trained and are excited to begin implementing this new curriculum. The School Board also voted and passed on the new Wellness Policy. One of the main additions to the wellness policy is that students in Elementary buildings as well as K-8 buildings receive a total of 30 minutes of recess per day. Our schedule will include that all students Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade have access to 30 total minutes of recess outside.

We will continue to structure the larger Bryn Mawr Community into three smaller Communities. This community structure supports the academic and social emotional development for all students. Within each community, there are built in staffing resources to support student success. Similar to last school year, each community has been strategically placed within the building. You will have a chance to learn more about our community model at Open House.

As we move forward into the new 2017-2018 school year, I am honored that you have chosen Bryn Mawr for your child's school year. Please note the important information about our Open House, First day of School, Transportation information, and Family Handbook on the back side of this letter.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

- **Open House will be held on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**
  - The intent of Open House is to allow children and families to connect with their Bryn Mawr Community. This will include finding their new classroom, meeting/greeting their new teachers,

specialist teachers as well as other staff members who will be supporting their learning throughout the school year.

- Open House also provides the opportunity for families to connect with one another as a member of the Bryn Mawr Community. There will be opportunities for you find out how you can get involved in volunteer opportunities here at Bryn Mawr.
- **School Starts:**
  - **Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> for students in 1st through 5th grades**
    - School day begins promptly at **7:30 with grab and go breakfast beginning at 7:15**
    - School day ends at **2:00**
  - **Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> for ECSE/ASD, High-5 and Kindergarten classes**
    - School day begins promptly at **7:30 with breakfast and ends at 2:00**
    - **High 5 AM** runs from 7:30 – 10:25
    - **ECSE/ASD - AM** runs from 7:40 – 10:10
    - **High 5 PM** runs from 11:00 – 2:00
    - **ECSE/ASD - PM** runs from 11:40 – 2:10

**TRANSPORTATION:** Confirmation letters indicating your child's pick up and drop off times should be arriving shortly. If you do not receive a confirmation by the week of August 21<sup>st</sup>, please call the office at 612-668-2500. Students that walk or are dropped off should not arrive before 7:15. All students that do not ride the afternoon bus should be picked up by 2:05.

**FAMILY HANDBOOK:** These are currently getting updated and we hope that they will be available at OPEN HOUSE. This handbook includes school and district policy and procedures along with our calendar of events for your planning. While this does not represent all that will be going on at Bryn Mawr this year, it will help you to plan ahead!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to get in contact with us. The building will be open the week of August 14<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy the last month of summer and we will see you all soon!

Sincerely,

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