

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA  
**PENROSE SCHOOL**  
**2515 S. 78<sup>th</sup> STREET**  
**PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, 19153**

August 22, 2019

Dear Penrose Families:

**Welcome back!** Or, if you are new to our Penrose 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 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

*Our first annual Winter and Spring Arts Festivals*

*We started our new Track and Football Teams*

*Our 4<sup>th</sup> Graders learned to help our environment at the John Heinz Refuge*

*Students explored science through our gardening cub and our aviation programs*

*We have increased the number of students attending 95% or more days of school and decreased the number of suspensions*

*91% of our first graders met their yearly reading goal*

*Our fourth graders made gains in both ELA and Science PSSA scores*

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 hard-working custodians have spent the summer making our school beautiful.

Welcome to Ms. Marcia Roye, our new middle years science teacher. We're also delighted to welcome back Mrs. Tara Willis to our staff. She is very excited to join our First Grade Team. Our new secretary Ms. Alana Barretta will join us later in the Fall.

Be sure to visit [www.philasd.org](http://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 Thursday, September 19 from 6 – 8 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 Penrose look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, and working with our families and community to support high-level learning. As always, please feel free to reach out to me at 215-400-8310 with questions or concerns. Together we can make this school year our best one yet!

Sincerely,

Carol Casciato, Principal