



**PRINCE ♦ HALL ♦ SCHOOL**  
Mrs. Donna Ragsdale, Principal ♦ Ms. Amber Hill, Assistant Principal

August 20, 2023

Dear Prince Hall School Families:

**Welcome to a New School Year!** My entire team and I are excited and ready to safely welcome all of our students for great instruction starting Tuesday, September 5, 2023 - *the first day of school*.

We are already gearing up for an incredible new school year. Many layers of safety will be in place to protect everyone's health and wellbeing in our school. Our teachers and school staff are attending special training sessions to better support our students' social, emotional and educational needs. Student schedules have been created. School supplies have been purchased for all students. Our hard-working custodians have been cleaning and sanitizing our school. And, our cafeteria workers are preparing to serve your children delicious, healthy and free breakfast and lunch each school day. To support a safer, healthier and more inviting school environment for students and staff, we will be having a School Safety Officer. We will also purchase games and additional recess equipment.

This year, we're delighted to welcome all of our staff. We would also like to introduce you to our newest staff member, **Mrs. Orissa Adams-, Assistant Principal.**

- **Mrs. Kellie Gandy-** Administrative Assistant
- **Mrs. Ricks and Mrs. Lynch-** Climate Manager and Climate Specialist
- **Ms. Mackenzie-** School Counselor
- **Ms. Halbom-**School Based Teacher Leader
- **Ms. Sherwood-** School Based Teacher Leader
- **Ms. Desimone-** Special Education School Case Manager
- **Ms. Wright, Ms. Belyea, and Mrs. Bacchus** - Kindergarten Teachers
- **Ms. McGuire, Mrs. Volk, and Ms. Boatwright-** First Grade Teachers
- **Mrs. Feeley and Mr. Richman-** Second Grade Teachers
- **Mrs. Carlson, Mrs. Navea and Mrs. Reinmiller** - Third Grade Teachers
- **Ms. Mallory, Dr. Thompson/ Ms. Goodman and Mrs. McCulley** - Fourth Grade Teachers
- **Mrs. Wszolek and Mr. West-** Fifth Grade Teachers
- **Mrs. Kochanowicz and Ms. Perez-** Learning Support Teachers
- **Ms. Williams, Mrs. Strikowsky and Ms. Erick-** Autistic Support Teachers
- **Mr. Lawrence-** Emotional Support Teacher
- **Mrs. Benbow** - Physical Education Teacher
- **Ms. McClendon-** Computer Technology Teacher
- **Mrs. Williams Erwin-** Art Teacher
- **Ms. Banks-**STEM Teacher
- **Ms. Schock-** Speech Teacher

I invite all of our families to attend our in-person **Back-to-School Open House on Thursday, September 21, 2023 from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm**. This will be a great time to meet key staff members, learn more about the new school year and tour our school. In the meantime, I encourage you to take a few minutes to visit [www.philasd.org](http://www.philasd.org) for the latest back-to-school information in multiple languages.

All of us at Prince Hall School look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday, September 5, 2023. Together, if everyone does their part, we can make this a safe and successful school year for everyone! As always, please feel free to reach out to me at (215) 400-3690 with any questions.

Mrs. Donna Ragsdale, Principal

