August 1, 2019

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year at Calverton Elementary School, the place where students SOAR! I am excited to see our new and returning students and families as we begin the school year. The elementary school years provide challenging and exciting learning opportunities for students. Calverton Elementary School will provide a rigorous academic program, enriching activities, and high expectations for all. As members of our school community, you play an important role in student success. You are welcome at the school, and I hope you will share your thoughts, contribute ideas, and be an active part of the Calverton Elementary School family.

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Orientation will be held on Thursday, August 29, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. Bus transportation will not be provided. This will be a great opportunity for you and your child to become familiar with the school, meet his/her teacher, and see his/her classroom. The classroom teachers will provide you with an overview of the program and help students transition to school. You are encouraged to bring your child’s school supplies on this date and leave them in the classroom.

The first official day of school for all students will be Tuesday, September 3, 2019. Our school hours are from 7:30 AM - 1:55 PM, and our doors open at 7:20 AM daily. Breakfast will be served from 7:20 AM - 7:45 AM, and students will eat breakfast in their classrooms. All students must be in their seats and ready to work at 7:45 AM. You are welcome to accompany your child to his/her classroom on the first day of school. Please bring your photo identification and be ready to sign in prior to going to the classroom. Parents may visit in the classroom for 30 minutes on the first day of school. Returning first through fifth grade students’ classroom assignments will be posted in our cafeteria on Thursday, August 29, 2019 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM.
Each student who attended Calverton Elementary School last year was assigned a PIN number in order to purchase food and milk in the cafeteria and will continue to use the same PIN number this year. All students new to Calverton Elementary School will be assigned a PIN number during the first week of school. Breakfast is free for all students. Student lunch costs $2.75, and students who pay for their lunch must deposit money into their accounts in the morning. Parents can also deposit money in their child’s account at the following website: https://www.myschoolbucks.com. Families are encouraged to apply for free and reduced price meal benefits by completing the Meal Benefit Form (www.myschoolapps.com). Our school receives Title I funds based on the number of families who qualify for meal benefits.

If your child rides a bus, please watch your mailbox for information about the bus routes and times. I recommend that students be at the bus stop ten minutes before the listed times. Walkers will be directed to the door through which they will enter the building on a daily basis. Students who arrive by car will be directed to the drop off area and will enter the building with the walkers. Parents may not park or drop off in the parking lot. To ensure all students’ safety, all students must cross the street with the crossing guard who will be at the crosswalk.

This school year will be filled with exciting learning activities and high levels of student achievement. I look forward to working with you, and I hope to see many of you at Pre-Kindergarten through Second Grade Back To School Night on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM and at Third Grade through Fifth Grade Back To School Night on Thursday, September 12, 2019 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM.

Please call me at 301-572-0640 if I can be of assistance as we begin the school year.

Sincerely,

Kathleen R. Brady, Ed.D.
Principal