August 26, 2019

Dear Fitler Academic Plus Families:

**Welcome back!** Or, if you are new to our Fitler Academics Plus 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 Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

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

* Picasso Project Poetry Slam showcasing artistic and academic talents of our 3th and 4th grade students
* Middle Years Academy attended Philadelphia Film Festival and Live Connection Bridge Sessions
* 7th and 8th grade students participated in “Artisits Voices” with Barnes Foundation Peco First Sunday Family Day
* Members of “Need in Deed”
* 5th grade Philadelphia “History Hunters” field trips throughout Germantown

We are already gearing up for an incredible new school year. Our teachers have attended training sessions to better help all students to learn and grow. Our front office team is updating student files and ordering new materials. Our hard-working custodians have spent the summer cleaning our school. And, our cafeteria workers are preparing to serve your children delicious, healthy and free breakfasts and lunches each school day.

We’re also delighted to welcome a few new additions to our staff.

**Welcome Back**: Ms. Gair, 6th grade ELA/SCI teacher

**New this Year**: Mr. Zabalou, 7th/8th grade Math Teacher Ms. Calderone, Reading Specialist

 Ms. Foy, Climate Support Liaison Ms. Mapp-Luke, Counselor

 Ms. Burrell, School Nurse Ms. Harling, Climate Support Staff

 Mr. Herring, Emotional Support Teacher

We are also excited to announce that Fitler Academic Plus School is receiving a brand new playground courtsey of the Lindy Foundation and Fiesta Playgrounds. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be on September 17, 2019. Additional information will be forthcoming. Please join us for the wonderful celebration!

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 Tuesday, September 17th from 5 - 7 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 Fitler Academics Plus School look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday, September 3rd, and to working with our families and community to support high-level learning. As always, please feel free to reach out to me at 215-400-3610 with questions or concerns. Together, we can make this school year our best one yet!

*Sincerely,*

*Anthious Boone, Principal*