August 15, 2019

Dear Hackett families:

Welcome back! Or, if you are new to our Hackett 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 3rd.

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

- Our 3rd - 5th graders performed in the Disney Musical, Aladdin.
- The creation of our community garden in partnership with the Food Trust.
- Philly Tree People helped us plant 20 trees around the school.
- We increased the amount of students attending 95% of days or more to 50.5%!
- Our PSSA scores increased as well with students scoring Proficient/Advanced
  - ELA: 57%, Math: 46% and Science: 81%!

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 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 breakfast and lunch each school day.

Be sure to visit 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 September 12th from 5:30 - 7:00 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 Hackett look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday, September 3rd at 8:30am in the schoolyard. Students are to line up at their room number. We will have additional staff outside to help you find your spot. As always, please feel free to reach out to us at 215-400-7470 with questions or concerns. Together, we can make this school year our best one yet!

Sincerely,

Todd Kimmel
Principal