



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
CHARLES W. HENRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
601 Carpenter Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19119

August 19, 2019

Dear Charles W. Henry Families,

Welcome back! Or, if you are new to our Charles W. Henry 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.

The 2018 - 2019 year was filled with lots of fun learning experiences and student successes. Thank you for welcoming me with such open arms. Here are a few of our favorite memories from across the school year:

- Phenomenal school events such as the Night at the Tony's Musical, the Art Show, the Holiday Craft Fair, Career Day, Carnival, JA in a Day and Field Day
- Students enjoyed many field trips both locally and at a distance. Some of the highlights included the 8th grade trip to Washington D.C., History Hunters with the 3rd grade, Arden Theatre, LaSalle University, the Art Museum, and many more events.

The Charles W. Henry staff is very busy 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.

This summer, Charles W. Henry underwent some very exciting facilities improvements. The Office of Capital Programs began their work in early June and are scheduled to wrap up by the first day of school. Here is an overview of the work:

- All Kindergarten, first, and second grade classrooms were modernized. This includes new flooring, energy-efficient LED lighting, new furniture, and bright new paint.
- Classrooms, offices, hallways, staircases, and shared spaces throughout the building were plastered and re-painted.



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- The backup electrical generator was installed on the lower schoolyard. The more modern system provides us with safer, more efficient and reliable electricity, as well as a source of backup electricity in the event of an emergency.
- An outdated oil tank was removed from the lower schoolyard. This work was completed by an environmental consulting company. The asphalt was cut and removed, the tank was cleaned, cut, removed, and transported on a flatbed truck. All excavated soil was removed and the remaining hole was backfilled and repaved.
- The C.W. Henry PTA hosted a phenomenal Back-to-School Clean-Up Day that was attended by more than 30 volunteers. Volunteers did extensive tidying up in the Kindergarten playground, staff parking lot, and lower schoolyard.

This school year we're also delighted to welcome new staff to our team. Please join me in welcoming the following staff members:

- Mr. Jared Jacobs, 6th and 7th grade Math
- Mrs. Samantha Morris, 3rd grade
- Mrs. Christina Johnson, 3rd - 5th grade Autistic Support
- Mr. Michael McCline, Climate Manager

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. Also make sure you check out our school website, henry.philasd.org, for updated information as well as our electronic school calendar.

Please mark your calendars for our Back-to-School Night on Wednesday, September 18th from 6pm - 8pm. This will be a great time to meet your child's teachers as well as other families, and learn more about the new school year.

All of us at Charles W. Henry look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday, September 3rd, and working with our families and community to support high-level learning. As always, please feel free to reach out to our main office at 215 - 400 - 3480 with questions or concerns. Together, we can make this school year our best one yet!

Principal Davis