

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
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Dear Brown Families:

Welcome back! Or if you are new to our Brown 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:

- 56.8% of first graders and 79.4% of third graders made their minimum growth goal in reading.
- Our first father & daughter/mother & son dances, honor roll assemblies, talent show and Veteran's Day assembly.

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.

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

- Mrs. Anderson – language arts teacher
- Mr. Blaustein – ESOL teacher
- Mrs. McGovern & Mr. Saunders – special education teachers
- Ms. Lovett – community relations liaison

Investing in a safer, healthier and more inviting learning environment for students and staff has been a top priority this summer. The entire building was assessed utilizing EPA standards and all lead-positive damage paint was removed.

Be sure to visit www.philasd.org for important back-to-school information such as 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 Thursday, September 19th 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 J.H.Brown 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 me at arsmith@philasd.org or 215-400-3320 with questions or concerns. Together, we can make this school year our best one yet!

Sincerely,
Arthurea Smith
Principal