

# Deer Park Middle Magnet School

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Deer Park Middle Magnet School Families,

On behalf of the faculty and staff at Deer Park Middle Magnet School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year! We look forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential.

We recognize that this is an extraordinary time and now, more than ever, a strong partnership makes a significant difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our absolute best to fulfill our responsibilities.

The first day for students is **Monday, August 28, 2023**. This year school starts for students at **8:10 AM** and ends at **2:55 PM**. Bus transportation information will be posted on our website prior to the start of school. Students will be permitted inside the building at **8:00 AM**.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Early Entry Day** - We are inviting all 6<sup>th</sup>-grade students to participate in our **Early Entry Day on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>** from **7:55 AM – 11:55 AM**. 6<sup>th</sup>-grade students will be able to be in the building prior to the official first day of classes. They will meet their teachers and participate in other orientation activities. 6<sup>th</sup>-grade students should report for Early Entry Day in their school uniform. BCPS transportation will be available on this date.

**Staying Informed and Connected!** - As we forge ahead, I would like to reemphasize the importance of parent/guardian involvement. Research indicates that when parents and/or guardians are involved in school, students achieve at higher levels. You are the biggest influence in your child's life. Your beliefs and values shape the beliefs and values of your child. When you show that you value education, your child will do the same. It is not just the quantity of time you spend at school, but the value you place on education that makes the difference. One of the first ways to get involved is to join the PTSA. This year, information will be emailed, communicated by phone through our Messenger system, posted on Schoology, and posted on our school website at <https://deerparkms.bcps.org>. More information will be forthcoming on how parents can access FOCUS to see their child's grades and progress. Please make sure the school has your most updated contact information so you can stay informed.

Save the dates!

- **Back-to-School Block Party Event** will be held on Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM.
- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation** will be held on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM.
- **Back-to-School Night** will be held on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 PM– 6:30 PM.

During these events, you will be able to hear about the programs in place to help all children be productive successful students.

Student academic success and personal responsibility at Deer Park Middle Magnet School are truly dependent on a cooperative triangle comprised of the student-teacher-parent/guardian. Feel free to call or e-mail me to share your ideas about how we can all work together to make Deer Park Middle Magnet School the best of all places to go to school.

We encourage and depend on you to take an active and supportive role in your student's education. Your continued support and personal involvement in the weeks and months ahead are essential. The difference between a good school and a *great* school is **YOU!** We look forward to a successful year at Deer Park Middle Magnet School.

Thank you,

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