



PHILLIS WHEATLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year!

We hope you've had an enjoyable, safe, and relaxing summer! This past school year presented lots of unique situations, but our children, staff members, and parents continued to overcome obstacles. Last year we challenged our scholars and staff members to dig deeper and work harder in order to increase our school grade and sustain growth. **It gives me great pleasure to share that we met our goal and earned a school grade of a "B" (four points away from an "A") for the 2021-2022 school year!** Thank you for all of your support! As parents you play a critical role in our educational system and therefore, we will be working harder to increase our parental involvement and engagement on our campus for the upcoming school year. Please join us for our first event, a celebration of our school grade on Wednesday, July 27 at 4:00 pm in the school's gym. This celebration will be hosted by our very own School Board Member Melissa Byrd.

Our theme for the new school year is **"MAKING THE MAGIC HAPPEN BY LEARNING and LEADING, while LOVING OURSELVES and OTHERS"**. This year we will be engrossed with **LEARNING THE NEW BENCHMARKS FOR EXCELLENT STUDENT THINKING (B.E.S.T) STANDARDS**. This year we will continue to **LEAD OUR SCHOLARS TO SUCCESS** and astonish all of our stakeholders as we make our way to an "A"! Our teachers, staff, and scholars continue to show their resilience, despite all of the turmoil occurring in the world. This year we are committed to implementing some extraordinary strategies with **LOVING OURSELVES AND OTHERS IN ORDER TO MEET THE SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL NEEDS OF EVERYONE**.

Our scholars officially return to school Wednesday, August 10, 2022. Please join us for **Meet Your Teacher Monday, August 8, 2022 from 4:30-6:30 pm**. During this time scholars will meet his or her classroom teacher(s) as well as receive a FREE backpack with school supplies. Prior to scholars and parents meeting the classroom teacher(s), we will have a general meeting for parents to share expectations. Parents must attend the general meeting prior to being released to go to the classrooms. There will be three options for parents to attend one of the general session. Important information will be provided and this is also the location to receive a ticket for the FREE backpacks.

- 4:30-4:45 pm
- 5:15-5:30 pm
- 5:45-6:00 pm

Kindergarten Orientation will be Thursday, July 28. Parents, we would love for you and your Kindergarten scholar to attend. There will be two sessions to choose from. Feel free to join us at 8:30 am or 3:30 pm. Pertinent information will be shared to help make the first year of school a successful one.

Arrival and Dismissal Updates

Thank you in advance for your flexibility and patience during the first couple of weeks of school. Please note, during arrival and dismissal times, there is usually heavier car rider traffic than normal. During the entire school year scholars must be picked up from their designated dismissal locations. For the safety of both scholars and staff members, the only parents/guardians permitted to walk up and retrieve a child are the parents with scholars in our Pre-K program. This process is secured and all Pre-K scholars must be signed in and out daily. Walkers will continue to be dismissed from the gate at the front entrance. Every parent or guardian picking up a scholar from the car rider area, must have the appropriate car rider tag displayed at all times. Scholars will not be released to anyone without an appropriate car rider tag. In order to sign a scholar out of school, every adult must bring a valid photo ID and must be on the scholar's contact information. I strongly encourage all parents to make sure the contact list is updated through our front office. It is vital when dropping off or picking up a child, please pull all the way down to the first cone in the car loop and maintain a safe distance between other vehicles. By doing so, the car rider process will be more efficient.

Honored to serve,

Lukeshia J. Miller
Proud Principal