

OLNEY ELEMENTARY



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Dear Olney Community,

I am writing to welcome you to the 2022-23 school year, which I am looking forward to with great excitement. As many of you know, this is my first year as Olney's principal. It is not my first year at Olney, though and the school has a special place in my heart. I am excited and honored to serve as your leader. We have a strong foundation for success at Olney, and I know we can work together to build on it, to keep growing, and to make the upcoming school year successful for all members of our community,

For many years, Olney has set a high standard for student progress. As we continue to bounce back from the difficulties brought on by the COVID 19 pandemic, I know we will continue to improve and evolve. This year, I will work to develop stronger relationships between home and school, to form productive partnerships with outside organizations, and develop new programs and opportunities for our students to learn beyond the classroom. I value student voice and want to find more outlets for it. As principal, I will emphasize bringing the community into our school and our school into the community.

I will be reaching out soon with more important information about the upcoming school year. That will include copies of our revised cell phone and uniform policies, information about events like Back to School Night, Literacy Night, and Math Night, and updates about the playground we expect to begin construction on this year.. I value opportunities to get feedback from parents and students, and you can expect to hear more about monthly drop-in sessions with administrators, our school advisory council, and student town halls.

As we prepare for this school year, I will emphasize collaboration and clear communication. Working together, I know we can continue Olney's tradition of being one of the best schools in the city of Philadelphia.

With Olney Pride,
Dr. Martin Woodside