

Welcome Back to School!

Dear Volta Families,

I hope you have enjoyed a wonderful summer. I also hope you are relaxed, recharged and ready to start a new school year. I am so delighted that you are part of our amazing learning community. I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education, and I look forward to working with you and your children.

All signs point to another incredible and productive school year. Our skilled and devoted staff have worked hard to plan and prepare for your children. Our enthusiastic office team has registered new families, ordered needed materials and updated student files. Our hard working and conscientious custodial staff have spent the entire summer thoroughly cleaning the facility. And, our newly formed Friends of Volta is gearing up to welcome families and offer exciting events to engage and collaborate with our entire school community and neighborhood. We are indeed a joyous and caring community with the common goals of nurturing responsible, caring students and promoting high-levels of learning.

#### New Staff

Each year brings positive change. This includes a few additions to our staff. We are delighted to welcome our new Volta Staff members and look forward to their positive impact on our school learning community.

#### Student Placement

A great deal of time, effort and thought has gone into the process of student placement for this school year. Careful consideration was given with input from staff as well as student needs. Classrooms have been balanced academically and socially. Our class lists are structured to provide equitable class sizes at each grade level. Moving students is difficult without causing imbalances and inequities. Thank you for understanding that it can take a few weeks for a child to acclimate to a new grade, peer group and teacher.

Thank you to all who have helped prepare for the new school year. Your commitment to ensuring that Volta Elementary remains a celebrated and successful school is awe-inspiring. I eagerly look forward to greeting students and families again. It remains an honor and privilege to serve as your Principal. Please stop by and say hello. Together, I know we will make this school year one of growth and achievement for all children.

Warmest Regards,

Emily Mariano

Principal

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