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Dear Murray Manor Families,

Welcome to the 2025/2026 School Year and the first day of school, **Thursday, August 7**, is just around the corner. I am so excited to welcome back our students and families on the first day of school! I would like to extend a warm welcome to our returning families, as well as our new families. Though my own children are grown adults, I still remember the excitement of their first day of school. We are thankful that you have entrusted us to care for and nourish your child's academic and social growth.

Murray Manor is a wonderful learning community focused on ensuring that all students are learning at high levels by providing challenging and engaging learning experiences while fostering a safe and positive school culture. This commitment to academic excellence, character development, and social and emotional growth promote a sense of belonging that allows students to feel safe, take risks and thrive in their academic and social endeavors.

At Murray Manor, we also believe that a strong partnership between home and school supports your child's education and our families' sense of belonging to the school community. There are many ways to help your child be successful this year including communicating with your child's teacher and supporting school and classroom expectations at home. We invite you to stay involved by joining our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) or School Site Council (SSC), attending school functions such as Back-to-School-Night, Open House and attending parent-teacher conferences. We look forward to partnering with families and welcoming everyone to participate in our fabulous school events and volunteering opportunities. We are grateful for any time or talents that you can offer in supporting our students and the school community.

Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Orientation will be on August 6 from 2:00-3:00 pm, in our TK classrooms, for our TK families. TK Teachers will be sending out details soon! We will also hold a **New Family Orientation on August 7 at 8:15 in the auditorium** for any new families that would like to hear more about Murray Manor Elementary school policies and ways to get involved. Our PTA will be at both events to also help welcome you to our school.

Please stop by to say hello and I look forward to a wonderful year filled with learning and laughter! Go Mustangs!

Sincerely,

Kimberly Dinsdale, Ed.D. Principal