



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear 7th Grade Parents and Guardians:

Welcome back to school! It is my sincere hope that your summer break has been filled with rest, along with joyful and memorable moments with family and friends.

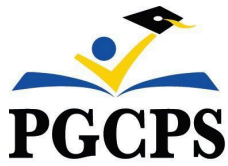
I'm approaching this new school year with a renewed sense of purpose and a heart full of gratitude for yet another year. I'm excited to experience this year leading and growing with your children. Many refer to 7th grade students as the "middle child" because they are sandwiched in between the 6th and 8th graders. Instead, I'd love for us to see our 7th graders as **Intellectual Emergents!** They are creative, nuanced in their thinking and development, and so full of wonder. This school year promises to challenge and stretch our 7th graders in many positive ways, all in an effort to not only set them up for grade 8 learning, but to also to further develop their critical thinking, problem solving, and social emotional skills. I believe they will meet and exceed every challenge. With our partnership and all of our students' innate gifts and talents, there is nothing left but success!

We will continue to promote and follow The King's Principles:

- Be Ready – Prepared minds are powerful minds!
- Be Responsible – Great power comes with great responsibility.
- Be Safe – Protect your space, your peers, and your peace.
- Be Respectful – Lift others up and lead by example.

The first official day for all students is Tuesday, August 26th. This will be a normal school day. We can't wait to partner with you this year. Parents and guardians, your support is key to helping your child become confident, capable, and connected. Look out for a monthly, 7th grade newsletter- The Cobra Courier. Our newsletter will begin in September. To help me better steward this monthly communication, please complete this survey [HERE](#). Never hesitate to reach out with questions or ideas. In the meantime consider the following:

- Ensure school supplies and uniforms are ready for the first day! The school supply list and uniform requirements are on the [MLK website](#).



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- Establish a routine that includes bedtime, a time and place for homework, review or study time.
- Be ready to ask questions. We will help you get back into the rhythm of school.
- Be flexible. Making sure that everyone is safe is a top priority. We may need to make a few changes after school starts.

Please look at the [MLK](#) and [PGCPS](#) websites for resources and additional information that can assist you with any questions.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Yours in Service,

Mrs. Mangieretti Harris

Assistant Principal, Grade 7

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Professional School Counselor, Grade 7