

August 1, 2010

Dear Students, Parents, and Community Members,

Welcome back to school! Those are words that carry a great deal of meaning for me. Opening a new school year enforces my belief that we have wonderful opportunities to make a difference in the lives of many students. What a challenge! How do we make that difference? We begin by caring about each student and providing each one of them with a safe environment to learn. At Germantown we employ highly qualified faculty and staff members to instruct and support our students. Academically, we offer programming that will prepare students for life after Germantown, and we develop the whole child by offering a variety of extra-curricular activities. Building good character in our students remains a top priority as we continue to promote the Most Valuable Principles at Germantown Elementary School.

Parents play an important role in the educational process. Students who come to school with positive reinforcement from home are better prepared to meet the rigor of their coursework and social interactions. We encourage parents to be involved in the various aspects of the school. Attending school activities and events sends a very strong message to the children that school and education as a whole are valued. Discussing the activities of the day, encouraging good study habits, and supporting the efforts of the school, also help to promote a commitment to education.

We are fortunate to live in a community that values education. Over the course of this school year, we will be committed to our mission of *educating all children to the best of their abilities through the cooperation of school, home and community*. If you ever have questions, comments, or concerns about something classroom related, we encourage you to contact your child's teacher. At the same time, please bring school related issues to my attention. We believe strongly in keeping the lines of communication open between school and home, thus your inquiries will be addressed in a timely manner.

On behalf of everyone at Germantown School District #60, I extend to all of our families best wishes for the 2010-2011 school year. We look forward to seeing everyone at Open House on August 18, and we are excited about opening our doors to the students on the first day of student attendance, August 19.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Robin Becker, Superintendent  
Germantown Elementary School