# **Montessori Academy- School 53**

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## August 1, 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the new school year! I hope that everyone has had an opportunity to enjoy some summer time activities in and around our community. I want to extend a warm welcome to our new families; as well as welcome back our returning families. I believe that parents are the first and most important teacher in their child's life.

As we continue to create a community of excellence, families are expected to adhere to all schoolwide initiatives; including our uniform policy. Due to COVID, we were flexible with our dress code. However, we must get back to creating that culture in which our school founders instilled. Therefore, all students are expected to adhere to the dress code. Our uniform is:

**Tops**: Navy, yellow or white polos **Bottoms**: Black or Blue (no jeans)

Shoes: loafers, sneakers, sandals or dress shoe. NO flip-flops.

\*Sweaters and rompers/jumpers are acceptable.

NO HOODIES or Ripped clothing.

There will be a "Welcome Orientation" for students and families on Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:30pm. The evening will begin with a brief schoolwide presentation. Families will have an opportunity to "meet and greet" staff and visit classrooms. \*Please note that all staff may not be present at this event.

#### **Schedule:**

**5:00-5:30-** Presentation

**5:30-6:15-** School Tours (classrooms, library, health office, etc...)

**6:15-6:30-** Wrap Up

#### **Activities: 5:30-6:15**

- Health Center registrations
- PTO sign-ups
- School Shirt Purchase
- School Bus presentation
- Snacks

### Regards,

Kimberly Harris-Pappin

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