

Dear John Williams School #5 Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! My name is Tiffany D. Lee and I am honored to serve as your Principal. I hope you enjoyed your summer and it was filled with many blessings. It was a pleasure to meet some families and students at our Popsicles with the Principal event in August.

Our team has been working diligently for a smooth transition to the new school year. The health and safety of our students and staff are my top priority and it is critical that students are provided high-quality learning experience. As a school community we have identified three academic priorities related to ELA, Math and Academic Culture. Our goal as a school community is to provide equitable experiences to every child across the district, that are not dependent on where they live or attend school. In all classrooms, every day, all students:

- Feel seen, affirmed, and valued: Students joyfully engage in safe classroom communities that foster a culture of agency and curiosity.
- Engage in grade-level content: Every student does grade-level content every day. Students persevere through challenging material with the help of targeted scaffolds, consistent feedback, and persistently high expectations.
- Own the thinking: Classroom learning is a process in which students do the majority of the cognitive work. Students develop and defend their thinking based on evidence with frequent opportunities to build on and challenge the ideas of their peers.
- Demonstrate progress toward learning goals: Students are invested in the purpose of their learning and have ample opportunities to track their progress toward lesson, unit, and course goals.

Our vision at John Williams School #5, is that *“All students will become academically prepared and responsible members of the greater community.”* To ensure that our students are developing the skills and knowledge to positively contribute to society, I will seek the support of the community. I will look for organizations that support our school-wide goals. In addition, students will have the opportunity to engage in leadership opportunities and acts of service.

Families, we will need to work collaboratively as partners. Success in school begins with students attending school on time, every day and staying the full day. The school day begins at 8:45 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. Our goal is to have 95% (or higher) attendance rate for the entire school. I invite you to serve on the School Based Planning Team and become a member of the



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Parent Teacher Organization. There will be events to celebrate our students and initiatives for you to support school improvement. Please contact us if you need support.

I am confident that this will be a year of growth, learning and celebration. It is my professional pledge to lead with integrity, compassion, and support. I will strive to cultivate excellence by working with a team that is passionate about teaching and dedicated to providing all students an equitable education. Thank you for all that you do!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school by calling (585) 325-2255 or email [Tiffany.Lee@rcsdk12.org](mailto:Tiffany.Lee@rcsdk12.org).

Warm regards,  
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