Welcome, Dragon Families, to the 2022 - 2023 School Year!

We are thrilled to open our doors and invite our scholars back to campus after what we trust was a restful summer break. As in years past, we continue our commitment to providing a comprehensive, quality educational program to all our students. Although academic growth is central to our program, we dedicate ourselves to social emotional growth as well as we develop lifelong learners and globally responsible citizens.

Our theme for this year is "community."

We will continue to foster a sense of *community within our student body,* to continue to highlight our unity as a Castle Heights village. Our students benefit when they feel a sense of membership in the school community—as this fosters a commitment to school norms of behavior and dedication to academic expectations. When we learn and play in harmony, we thrive!

We will continue to foster a sense of *community within our school families*. We endeavor to welcome families on campus to the greatest extent possible, as we host the variety of events that make Castle Heights special. Family participation in these events – The Book Fair, Día de los Muertos, Campus Camp Out, The Talent Show, Día de los Niños, to name just a few – increases our students' sense of community and belongingness. Our families are one of our greatest assets. When you are engaged, your child will flourish!

This year we seek to build upon our *efforts to give back to our community*. In the past we have reached out to support those around us in a variety to ways: for example, Ms. Colina's class has visited a nearby home for the elderly to sing at the holidays, and Ms. Casady has sponsored Steps that Care to support those with cancer. We seek to augment these efforts, and to highlight the value of sharing with others in our community, in line with our focus on globally responsible citizens.

I encourage you to engage actively in your child's education. Talk to your child daily about school, communicate with the teacher when questions arise, seek out support if you feel that it is needed, reach out to share your child's successes. As those of you who have been at Castle Heights previously know, my door is open. (Email <a href="https://links.com/links.c

I am so honored to be a member of this exceptional learning community. Castle Heights truly is a wonderful place to learn and grow.

Warmly,
Linda
Linda Beck
Principal