

Dear Leesylvania Families,

It is my honor and a pleasure to welcome you to the 2024 – 2025 school year! I hope you all have had a relaxing and fun summer break. I am extremely proud to serve as the Principal of this amazing learning community for the 9th year and to continue to support our little Eagle Scholars! This year, LES's theme is "**LEADERS of CHANGE**". As a Professional Learning Community, we will be implementing the new Virginia Literacy Act and new Virginia Math Standards. We will continue to strive for academic excellence and social and emotional well-being for our students, as we do what is best for our Eagle Scholars each day!

I would like to welcome all our new families, whether you are joining us from another school in the district or have relocated from another city, state, or country. We are excited to share with you all that Leesylvania ES has to offer and believe you will soon feel as we do that Leesylvania ES is a special place for **all** children. Our educators, support staff, families, and other educational partners are ready to welcome you into our LES Family and Team.

Our teachers and staff are eager to meet their new students and begin this year's journey with them. The dedicated staff at LES has been working tirelessly to finalize classes and schedules, engage in professional learning opportunities, and update our instructional models, classroom routines, and expectations, all with the goal of fostering academic success and a true sense of connectedness and belonging for our students. Our primary goal is to ensure student achievement in core academic subjects, so we will continue to refine Tier I instruction, analyze data to guide instruction and intervention. We will work together to create a solid foundation for our students so that they can become self-directed learners, collaborative teammates, critical thinkers, and responsible citizens.

Please be sure to read **Principal MacGregor's Sunday Night Message** each week as it contains important information from the school. I ask that you also check our website frequently for updates and news.

We will be holding our traditional **Kindergarten Orientation Night on Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** Please come and meet our outstanding Kindergarten Team as they share with you a typical day in Kindergarten and answer any questions you may have for them.

We will be hosting our **traditional Meet Your Principals for all new families to LES on Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. for Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grades in the Library.** Following that meeting, **ALL** students and their families are encouraged to attend our traditional **Meet and Greet on Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** You are encouraged to visit your child's classroom, meet their new teacher and drop off their school supplies.

I look forward to the start of the new school year and to continuing our collaboration of providing your children with an effective and engaging educational experience. As always, we will look to our families to be positive partners in their children's educational journey. The Leesylvania Staff has always made a priority of working together as a caring and compassionate learning community with professionalism, teamwork, action, and expertise. We will always put the best interests of our students at the center of our purpose. Join us in ensuring the success of all Leesylvania's students.

As always, my door is open, and our team welcomes your input. Please feel free to contact me to speak with me to discuss any ideas you feel will make this the best year yet!

Your Proud Principal,

Meg MacGregor