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Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of the Carl T. Mitnick Elementary School, I would like to welcome you to the 2016 - 2017 school year. I hope your summer was relaxing and you are excited for the upcoming school year. In my short tenure here at Mitnick School I've had the opportunity to work with an amazing group of people. I've witnessed our faculty and staff along with parents and guardians working together to provide our students with a nurturing, educational environment where they are challenged to become lifelong learners. One of our district goals this year is to foster effective communication and positive relationships with students, parents, staff, and the community. We look forward to working together with you to create a collaborative environment ensuring that your child has a successful school year. This partnership will have a significant impact on your child's educational experience and attitude towards school.

Various opportunities will be provided throughout the year for you to attend school functions, including but not limited to, Back to School Night, parent/teacher conferences, school performances, parent curriculum nights, and writing celebrations. Many of these events provide a glimpse into our educational programs, while also providing you with the opportunity to explore our curriculum. We are hopeful that you will join us in as many of these activities as possible as your support and commitment to your child's education is invaluable.

Several important papers that we ask you to fill out will be sent home in Thursday Folders the first week of school. You are encouraged to provide your email address when completing the update of information form as this is a valuable resource that we can use to maintain communication. Last year we started our Mitnick Facebook page which is another effective method of providing updates on important events and school functions.

Another district goal for this year is to increase measures that educate parents and students about the importance of school attendance and its link to student achievement. Research shows a positive correlation between student attendance and academic performance. We ask that you make a conscious effort to have your child to school on time each and every day. I have been working closely with Mrs. Boyle and we have developed several incentive programs this year that will reward students for good attendance.

I anticipate a great school year and look forward to both meeting you at Back to School Night and working with you throughout the year. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

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