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Greetings Panther Families,

Welcome back to Continental Colony Elementary School, a community that increases life chances with grit and resilience. At APS, growth is our strength, and we are devoted to advancing every student to grade-level proficiency and beyond. During the 2022-23 school year, APS achieved an all-time high graduation rate of 84%! Our teachers and students worked hard and met many of our annual targets for both literacy and numeracy.

We recognize every student has limitless potential, and it's our joy to do all we can to draw it out of them. The work is sometimes hard, but the mission is possible, and our educators are ready for yet another year of growth and progress. Every APS employee—from bus drivers to cafeteria workers, to teachers and counselors—is committed to our mission and understands the crucial part they play in providing your student with the support needed to succeed.

And... we cannot truly achieve success if we do it alone! We need every parent and caretaker to join us as a partner in your student's learning, development, and wellness. What does that partnership look like?

- Make sure your student attends school and arrives on time each day. Attendance is directly related to student outcomes including graduation rate!
- Communicate consistently with your student's teachers; make sure your student puts forth the effort to complete schoolwork on time.
- Ensure your student gets proper rest every school night, especially during testing periods.
- Be present and engaged for student performances, activities, and recognitions as much as possible.
- Participate in parent engagement events at the school and district level.
- Complete surveys to offer input regarding how we're doing; we value your feedback and consider it in school and district planning!
- Update your contact information with the school office or via the [Parent Portal](#); don't miss important messages about academics, activities, and most importantly safety.
- Take advantage of the many student supports offered by APS, including no-cost telehealth, our [Academic Recovery Academy](#), and the Grow with Google micro-credentialing program for teens, just to name a few.

As we embark on the 2024-2025 school year, below you will find key dates:

- **APS Back to School Bash: July 20, 9:00 AM – 1:00PM Georgia World Congress Center, Halls C1 and C2**
- **Therrell Back to School Bash: July 27, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Fickett Elementary School**
- **Open House: July 31, from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Continental Colony Elementary School**
- **First Day of School August 1, 2024, 7:15AM Breakfast Begins 7:45am School Begins**

We respect that you know what's best for your child, and we are your partner to offer your child the best school experience possible. All of us in Continental Colony look forward to this partnership, welcome you to reach out to us, and thank you for entrusting us with the education of your student. ***We look forward to partnering with you for an AWESOME year filled with grit and resilience.*** If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us. We are here to support you every step of the way.

With warmest regards,
Kristen Horton Ed.D.
Principal Continental Colony Elementary School

Together We Will Increase Life Chances, Be the One!