Dear Briggs Chaney Middle School Community:

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2011-2012 school year! We have had a busy summer preparing for the new year and are anxious to greet each of you on Monday, August 29, the first day of school.

On Thursday, August 25, we will host an orientation program from 7:55 a.m. until 11:40 a.m. for all grade six students and grade seven and eight students who are new to Briggs Chaney Middle School. The purpose of this orientation is to familiarize new students with our staff, our facility, and to share information about our school. Students will be transported to and from school by their school bus. The attached bus schedule provides route numbers, bus stops and boarding times. This is a valuable experience for new students and I am hopeful that you will be able to attend. If you are unable to attend, please do not be concerned as teachers will be reviewing this information with students in Administrative Homeroom classes the first week of school. During Administrative Homeroom, teachers will also familiarize students with the academic and behavioral expectations of Briggs Chaney Middle School. This is also an opportunity for teachers to collect forms and distribute informational material.

As a whole-school initiative, our school has produced a student agenda book that is available for students at no cost. We strongly believe a student agenda book is a valuable organizational tool to help you and your child monitor their completion of assigned tasks.

Please review the attached material addressing new student orientation day, cafeteria procedures, bus route information, PTSA information, important dates, after school activities, sports, and messages from team leaders, counselors, the media center staff, and the health room staff.

Your support of the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) is strongly encouraged. Our PTSA is an important component of the Briggs Chaney Middle School community. The PTSA supports our school environment by providing a voice in the education of our students and by sharing information about our school and the Montgomery County Public School System with parents, students and staff. Your contribution to the PTSA's Direct Appeal Campaign will be helpful in funding cultural arts assemblies, student and staff recognition programs, a monthly newsletter - just to name a few important programs. Please support the PTSA by becoming a member, contributing to the Direct Appeal Campaign, and volunteering your time to assist in their endeavors.
Please join me in welcoming the following new staff to Briggs Chaney Middle School:

- Wanakee Jackson, Math Teacher
- Kimi McGrath, Social Studies/ESOL Teacher
- Will Van Nort, Math Teacher
- Kris Zinkievich, Chorus Teacher

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me, your grade level administrator, or counselor as indicated below:

Nicole Ard-Gales, Assistant Principal – Grade 6 Pathfinders and Grade 7 Grizzlies and Kodiaks
Duncan E. Jackson, Assistant Principal – Grade 6 Trailblazers and Grade 8 Pioneers and Explorers
Tawana Harris – Resource Counselor, Grade 8 Counselor
Amy Holland – Grade 7
Kelli Petty – Grade 6
Robert Petrasek – Grades 6, 7, 8

The entire staff and I look forward to seeing you and to another fantastic year!

Sincerely,

Kimberly Brooks-Johnson
Principal

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Enclosures