



Phoebe A. Hearst Fine Arts Magnet School

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Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! Welcome back from what I hope was a fantastic summer! I am so excited to begin my 7th year as the principal of Hearst Elementary School! We have been working hard all summer to ensure that the beginning of the year runs as smoothly as possible. In addition, we are in great shape in terms of how well our students performed last year on the NWEA assessment. This is because of the amazing teaching staff at Hearst and also because of your efforts at home. Our school is committed to another year of improvement. That means, that our CIWP will drive all of our work to make sure our Warriors are successful! This year promises to be the best year EVER!!

As we begin the new school year, please keep in mind that we will continue to observe all security measures during entry and dismissal that were in place last year. **There are several NEW policies that have been added to ensure the safety of Hearst Students.** Please review your student/parent handbook for Hearst School Policies. I also ask that you familiarize yourself with our website hearst.cps.edu. This is a comprehensive site where parents and community can access information such as this newsletter, staff information, school news and calendar, the handbook, and information on CPS policies and requirements. If you have a smartphone, I strongly encourage you to Join our REMIND Parent Group for regular updates and information. You can receive updates via text message by sending a text to 81010 with the following message: **@hearstp** and this will ensure that every time we have something to share, you will be the first to know. Additionally, we will also send robo calls, texts, and emails to ensure that everyone is aware of events happening at HEARST. Check our website daily, as we continue to make improvements. For feedback and inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact the office to schedule a meeting and/or you can email me at thchrobak-prince@cps.edu.

At the start of each school year, Hearst families are required to pay a \$30 student fee for each registered student or at flat \$70 for families of 3 or more. **All fees are due no later than September 27, 2019.**

Student fees allow Hearst to ensure that our children continue to receive fine arts programming, instructional materials, supplies, and other activities.

Payments can be made by:

- Visiting the [Hearst EPay site](#)
- Making a money order payable to Hearst Elementary; Submit along with the [Student Form](#) to the Main Office
 - ❖ Complete a CPS Family Income Information (FIIF) form which will be distributed to all students during the first week of school(*Please note: Any requests for a waiver of the fees will be determined based on the information provided on the FIIF form*)

It is with much enthusiasm that I would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest Warriors. Joining us this year for our important work are: Ms. Alicia Gonzalez Early Childhood SpEd, Ms. Hannah Ferguson Early Childhood 3yr old, Ms. Matilde Romero Early Childhood 3yr old SpEd. Finally, we welcome our new Counselor, Ms. Samantha Pentz. She brings to Hearst many years of experience and a passion for serving students and families in our community.

The faculty and staff prepared the school and classrooms for an exciting year of learning and growth. Student success is the goal of every staff member at Hearst. We believe with our new structure and dedication to high quality, research-based best practices, every student will learn to his/her fullest potential. We are prepared to offer time and support as needed. I ask for your support and participation in this effort by sending your child to school every day, encouraging him/her to read every night, monitoring homework and progress, and asking your child to share what he/she has learned at school each day.

Please join us for our Hearst Back To School Night on Tuesday, September 10th from 4-5 pm.