Principal's Message Template

Welcome to Phillis Wheatley Elementary

Dear Students, Families, Staff, and Community Members,

Welcome to **Phillis Wheatley Elementary**, where every student is valued, challenged, and supported. As principal, I am honored to serve a school community that is committed to helping every child learn, grow, and succeed.

Our Mission

At **Phillis Wheatley**, we believe in creating an environment where students feel safe, respected, and inspired to reach their full potential. Through meaningful learning experiences, strong relationships, and high expectations, we prepare students for success both inside and outside the classroom.

What Makes Us Unique

PWES is fortunate to have a dedicated and experienced team of educators who provide consistent, high-quality instruction year after year. Our strong staff retention allows us to build upon effective practices, maintain consistency for students and families, and continually strengthen teaching and learning across our school.

Students also have access to a variety of opportunities beyond the regular school day. Programs such as Conservation Club, Girls on the Run, and after-school learning opportunities give students additional ways to explore their interests, stay active, and extend their learning.

We also love recognizing and celebrating our students! Through our comprehensive Positive Behavior Support (PBS) plan, students have opportunities to earn incentives and be recognized for making positive choices and demonstrating our schoolwide expectations. Attendance is another important focus at PWES, with incentives and celebrations throughout the year that encourage students to be at school, on time, and ready to learn each day.

Our Focus This Year

This year at PWES, our focus is on continuous growth for every student. Academically, we are working to strengthen student achievement in both reading and mathematics while also recognizing the importance of individual growth. Our teachers will regularly review student progress, provide targeted support when needed, and adjust instruction to help each student continue moving forward.

Attendance is another important priority. Being at school and arriving on time gives students the best opportunity to learn and be successful. We will continue to closely monitor attendance and tardies, celebrate strong and improved attendance through schoolwide incentives, and partner with families early when concerns arise. Our goal is to maintain at least 90% of our students on track for attendance while reducing chronic absenteeism and excessive tardiness.

We are also focused on helping students make positive behavioral choices and experience success at school. When students need additional support, our staff will work together to provide targeted interventions, teach appropriate skills, monitor progress, and partner with families. Our goal is to help students grow socially and behaviorally while ensuring they have the support they need to be successful.

Finally, continuous improvement applies to our staff as well as our students. Through professional learning, collaboration, and regular reflection on our practices, we will continue working together to provide the highest-quality learning experiences possible for our students.

Partnering with Families

We believe education is strongest when schools and families work together. We encourage you to stay connected through our website, social media, newsletters, and school events. Your involvement makes a difference, and we appreciate your partnership in helping every student thrive.

Built Blue

As part of the Woodbridge School District, we are proud to be **Built Blue**—a commitment to respect, achievement, integrity, diversity, excellence, relationships, and service for every learner. Every day, we work together to build confident students, caring citizens, and future leaders.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our school. We look forward to partnering with you throughout the school year and celebrating our students' many accomplishments.

Warmly,

Zachary Huber
Principal
Phillis Wheatley Elementary