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Dear Bregy families:

Welcome back! If you are new to our Bregy family, welcome and thank you for choosing our amazing school for your child's education. I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer and are ready to start a new school year on September 3rd.

Last school year was filled with lots of fun learning experiences and student successes. Here are a few of our favorite memories:

- Our fourth grade students partnered with World Café. They were exposed to new types of music and learned how to create their own percussion instruments.
- The Harlem Globetrotters visited Bregy and presented their Bully Prevention Assembly.
- Students, parents and staff gathered together for monthly family nights to celebrate our school community.
- Bregy was recognized by the School District of Philadelphia for having 3 years of SPR growth.
- We have partnered with WHYY to allow our students the opportunity to create and learn how to edit media projects using software such as Final Cut Pro.

We are already gearing up for an incredible new school year. Our teachers have attended training sessions this summer to better help all students learn and grow. Our front office team is updating student files and ordering new materials. Our hard-working custodians have spent the summer cleaning our school. Our cafeteria workers are preparing to serve your children delicious, healthy and free breakfast and lunch each school day.

All of the staff at Bregy are excited to start the new school year. Ms. Spillane, our technology teacher, is making sure all of our laptops and SmartBoards are up and running, as well as updating all iPads and other devices that assist in the education of our 21st Century students. Also, we are still working very diligently to bring a greenspace to our school community. The Trust for Public Land will begin working with our school community this Fall to transform our schoolyard into a play/green space. Our "Bregy Nest" was funded for the 2019-2020 school year by the "Good to Great Grant". This grant will provide funds to create a space for our families to read, do research, play games, and meet before and after school. The Nest will open the first week of October!

Be sure to visit Bregy's website <https://bregy.philasd.org/> for important communications such as the monthly school calendars, important notices, and parent resources. I also want to invite you to attend our **Back-to-School Night on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 from 5:00PM - & 7:00PM**. This will be a great time to meet teachers and other families, and learn more about our goals and special projects for this school year.

All of us at Bregy look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday, September 3rd, and working with our families and community to support high-level learning. As always, please feel free to reach out to me at 215-400-8210 or sgwarthen@philasd.org with questions or concerns. Together, we can make this school year our best one yet!

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