

Dear Parents,

Mother Nature blessed us with the best of weather on Thursday and Friday, which contributed to an exciting school opening! Fun and fabulous are just two of the words used by school staff and students to describe the first two days of school. Students were smiling and all routines seemed to fall into place as we had two very smooth days. On Friday, as I was greeted by smiles in the hallway, students told me that they were happy to come back on the second day. This information was unsolicited and it informed me that the students were listening to my opening day speech when I explained that our goal was to have them come back on Day 2 feeling as excited as Day 1. Our first goal is achieved!

As I checked in on some of the younger students in the school I got a thumbs up on how the first two days were going. One young man in first grade who is new to our school excitedly exclaimed, "I love it!" Now our job is to keep the students happy and engaged and the learning will certainly follow.

Julian Curtiss School has 338 students enrolled thus far and we have seen an increase in new students in grades 1-5, with 23 registrations over the summer. We received students from all over the United States, Brazil, England, Holland, Japan, Peru, and Sweden. We welcome all of our new families. We continue to strengthen our reputation as an International School with 60 nations, 30 countries, One Great School!

Construction projects are adding to a high activity level at the school but the roof and chimneys should be completed this week and then the patios will receive some well-deserved attention.

If you have not done so already please visit

<http://www.greenwickschools.org/julian-curtiss-school/about-julian-curtiss/back-to-school-information> and return all mandatory forms by Tuesday, September 5th.

The PTA is sponsoring parent coffees for grades K-2 on Thursday, September 7th at 8:15 am and grades 3-5 on Friday, September 8th at 8:15 am. Both events will take place in the cafeteria. Our traditional Ringing In Ceremony for our new kindergarten students is Friday September 15th at 9 am.

Open House for parents is Tuesday, September 26th at 7 pm.

On behalf of the staff at Julian Curtiss we look forward to our partnership this 2017-2018 school year.

Sincerely,

Trish McGuire
Principal