A Note from Principal Morris

Greetings! Welcome back! It has been very exciting to greet our new students and families, and welcome our returning students and families! Our Mays family continues to grow. It’s been an excellent start to the school year.

As we continue to build on the great start to the school year, I would like to give some tips on how to help your child be successful at school. Talk to your child about the importance of school safety. At Benjamin E. Mays IB World School, we expect every student to Be Respectful, Be Safe, and Be Responsible. Ask your child to explain what these expectations look like at school. Please get to know your child's teacher. The partnership between family and teacher is extremely important. When the teacher and parent have a strong partnership, kids do better in school. Set school goals with your child. These goals can be either short term or long-term goals. Set routines for your child. Have a regular homework and bedtime. Also, set a consistent morning routine. Kids work much better when things are predictable. Rituals and routines are very important both at school and at home. Ask questions each and every day about how the school day went. This shows your child that you are interested in their education. Insist on them giving their best effort. If your child knows that school is important to you, it will be important to them.

Reminder: Our staff are not on duty until 7:15 each morning. In order to assure that kids are supervised at all time, please do not drop your child off at school before 7:15.

Also, it is very important that we stick to our dismissal procedures. If your child rides the bus home from school and you need to pick them up on a particular day, you must call the office by 1:00 p.m. to make this change. We will not be getting children off the bus once they have boarded. This rule is in place for safety reasons. If your child is a parent pickup student, please be prompt in picking up your child up from school at 2:00 p.m. The school office closes at 2:15 p.m.

FUN FACT: Bananas are curved because they grow towards the sun. Bananas go through a process called "negative geotropism." Instead of growing towards the ground, they start growing towards the sun.

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE: “It is the province of knowledge to speak, and it is the privilege of wisdom to listen. ~Oliver Wendell Holmes

-Kirk Morris
Principal

Grades PreK, K, 1 & 2
Take Your Parent to School Day

Parents please join us for Take Your Parent To School Day (dates listed at left in the calendar). During these special days, parents will receive information about how and what their child is learning, and will observe and visit in the classroom. Together we build a strong foundation for our learners.

Questions, please contact Karen Shanahan at karen.shanahan@spps.org or 651 325-2492.
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