



Dear DKFI Community,

On behalf of the PTA, I am delighted to welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year!

This school year brings new opportunities. We welcome acting principal Cynthia Rodgers to the DKFI family and have ushered in new members of the PTA board—on which I am honored to serve as President. Together, we're committed to ensuring our students continue to receive a challenging and rewarding instructional program.

With over 30 years of service, DKFI has a rich history and a strong backing of support. And though our families come from neighborhoods throughout Prince George's County, we are one strong community. That's why, this year's theme will be *Many Neighborhoods, One Community*. Throughout the year, the PTA's events, programs, and activities will be centered around this theme.

I'm also excited to share with you our goals.

- Grow and steward our resources
- Enhance the internal and external awareness of the DKFI PTA
- Enhance DKFI PTA's organizational efficiency and effectiveness
- Recruit, train and support effective DKFI PTA leaders
- Diversify and grow the PTA membership to engage and serve our communities

Though the school year is just beginning, we have already executed several new initiatives which are directly aligned with these goals. We've offered parents an efficient and stress-free way to purchase their child's school supplies, installed a new member portal which will streamline parent communication, and started securing corporate sponsors.

I'm proud of the progress we have made—but for the PTA to be truly effective, we need you. Every bit of support and time you can offer will make a tremendous difference. Some of our upcoming ways to get involved include:

- Check out our website www.dkfipta.org within the next weeks for the launch of our new parent portal. Here you can renew your PTA membership, create an account to stay informed with the community.
- Back to School Night- Stop by the PTA table to check out our new spirit wear, renew your PTA membership and decide how you want to volunteer this school year.

More details on the above activities and events will follow shortly.

I encourage you to get involved in any way that works best for you. I am certain you will find the experience rewarding and I invite you to stop by the PTA table at our Back to School Night to meet your new board and to learn firsthand of this year's exciting activities and events.

Here's to a fantastic school year!

My best,

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