



Dear Families at Sara Collins Elementary,

"We are charged and ready to learn!" is our school theme for 2018-19 school year. We will have the exciting implementation of Personalized Learning. This will be another learning tool for students to enhance their academic achievement and use of technology. Our focus continues to be on learning and teaching at our International Baccalaureate school. Our students are continuing to demonstrate an increase in achievement as recognized in our continued "Excellent" rating on the South Carolina state report card. Our school will continue the tradition of high student achievement and growth through strong relationships among our families, students, staff members and support from our school community.

One new initiative we will begin to implement during the 2018-19 school year is Personalized Learning. A team from our school including teacher leaders and administrators have been participating in professional development to begin this implementation. After preparation and continued training by our staff, our third, fourth, and fifth grade students will be receiving Chromebook devices to utilize for instruction. As students receive these devices, they will be taught to use them safely for instruction and to manage and care for the device.

Our school provides a safe, loving, and nurturing environment where all students continue to grow and become successful in learning, academically, socially, and emotionally. Our students' successes are reflected in the strong partnerships that have been established between school and home. This is demonstrated through the remarkable collaboration, teamwork, and support provided by our Parent Teacher Association (PTA). On Friday, October 5, 2018, Sara Collins Elementary will celebrate our 54th annual Freaky Friday fall fundraiser! By setting high expectations and continued collaboration we will continue to meet the needs of all our children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melissa Burns".

Melissa Burns, Ed. D.
Principal