



## IMAGINE FOUNDATIONS AT LEELAND

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Wednesday August 15, 2018

Greetings Imagine Leeland Families,

I want to officially welcome all the new and returning families to the 2018-19 school term! As the summer comes to a close, I anticipate an exciting year as we collectively strive to foster a culture of learning, model character, and high academic achievement. I am privileged to have the opportunity to return this school year as your Principal; I'm honored to work with this community of highly qualified teachers and staff, young scholars, and supportive parents/families!

**Please mark your calendars for the following dates:**

- **Thursday August 30<sup>th</sup>** – Kindergarten orientation @ 4:00pm – 5:30pm.
- **Friday August 31<sup>st</sup>** – 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation for new Imagine students only; 8:30am-3:10pm
- **Monday September 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Labor Day; School Closed For All Staff & Students.
- **Tuesday September 4<sup>th</sup>** – 1<sup>st</sup> day of school for ALL students. "DAP DAY" – All male families members are requested to join us at 8:00am on the front sidewalk, to shake the hands of our students.
- **Thursday September 13<sup>th</sup>** – Back-To-School Night; 6:00pm – 8:00pm.

I would like to emphasize an invitation for you to become active in your child's education this year. Take time to volunteer in our classrooms, school assemblies and activities, or enjoy lunch with your child. As we strive to inculcate our scholars with the social and intellectual skills to become world leaders, your collaborative support is essential!

*Please note that the homeroom teacher assignments/student schedules will be sent home in the near future, prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school. Additionally, updated Parent-Student Handbooks will be distributed during Back-to-School Night.*

Enjoy the remainder of your summer!

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Greetings Imagine Leeland Family,

I am excited to announce our third annual District 25 Dap Day! **Dap Day is an opportunity for positive male role models in our community to show their solidarity and support for the students of Prince George's County Public Schools on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 4, 2018.** During Dap Day fathers, community activists, and male mentors Volunteers form a line of encouragement at the front entrance of the school and give an encouraging handshake/dap to the students as they begin the 2018-19 school year.

We are in need of volunteers. **To participate, no RSVP is needed.** Simply come to Imagine Leeland, park in the parking lot provided on the side of the school. Proceed to the main entrance and join the line of other volunteers and greet our students as they enter the school building. Volunteers should arrive 30 minutes prior to school starting and stay until classes begin (volunteers may arrive as early at 7:45AM and depart no later than 8:45AM). *Volunteers will line up outside of the school to greet students; they will not need to enter the schools at any time.*

Last year's event achieved great success and we would like to invite you to be a part of the success and encouragement this upcoming school year. Thanks to our volunteers, scores of students were greeted with warm encouragement as they entered the school building on their first day back following summer break. I heard from many students and parents that Dap Day was a great show of how deeply men in our community truly care for our students. Our participants included principals, teachers, police officers, sheriffs, elected officials, and other valuable volunteers who gave their time to brighten a child's first day back to school.

Less than an hour of your time can brighten a child's day and give them the encouragement they need to have a great 2018 school year. We look forward to seeing you!

Yours in Service,

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