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Dear Seaborn Lee Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to the 2017-18 school year! I trust that you are enjoying the remaining days of your summer vacation. I am thrilled to start my fifth year as principal at Seaborn Lee! This year we have many fun and exciting things planned for our students as we keep a laser focus on student achievement. We will continue our school-wide initiatives: PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports)- a school climate framework; PLCs (Professional Learning Communities)-teachers meeting collaboratively; Personalized Learning, which will deploy devices for use during the school day to students; and new this year: International Baccalaureate (IB) program-more information and discussions will follow throughout the year. We will also have three full release days this school year where our faculty will be engaged in full day professional development. Thus, your child will not attend school on these days. The three release days are **November 3, 2017; December 1, 2017; and March 8, 2018**. Please plan accordingly and mark your calendars as these three days are specific to Seaborn Lee and students will not attend school. We have a lot of exciting initiatives to look forward to this school year!

The first day of school is Monday, August 7th and we look forward to welcoming students at 7:15am for breakfast. We ask for your cooperation and patience during the first week of school for morning and afternoon bus and carpool transitions. Typically the bus routes run a little later and the carpool line is a little longer and slower in the mornings/afternoons due to the fact that we are trying to ensure that all students are transported correctly and safely. You can help us ensure that this process runs smoothly by allowing your child to ride to/from school the same way in the morning and in the afternoon. This will especially help our bus riders who will recognize other students who rode the bus with them in the morning. If your child is a

car rider, please be sure that they have their car rider decals. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Our Open House is scheduled for Thursday, August 3, 2017 and all grade levels are welcome to attend between the hours of 4:00-7:00pm. At Open House you will be able to meet your child's homeroom teacher, learn more about the breakfast and lunch program, obtain information about PTA, pick up a carpool number (if your child will carpool this year), receive a student bus number, and purchase school uniforms and/or Bulldog spirit wear.

We will continue to have the following expectations for all Seaborn Lee Elementary School students:

- Student Expectations: We believe that all children can achieve. Thus, every student should come to school prepared and ready to learn. Achievement is our focal point as we raise the bar for academic excellence. Each student should bring the necessary materials and items for class, and arrive to class/school on time every day. Furthermore, every student is expected to follow and adhere to the Fulton County Code of Conduct as well as the local Seaborn Lee ES disciplinary rules. The administrative staff will work hard to create a safe, nurturing environment and teachers will do the same to ensure a quality education for all students.
- Dress Code: All students are expected to be in school uniform this year. Research has shown that schools that enforce a school uniform policy usually see a decrease in dress code violations, an increase in school pride, and an overall positive school climate. Uniforms can be purchased during Open House or any other retail store (school crest will need to be placed on the uniform if purchased at a different store). This year we have added Prestige Apparel uniform store (Greenbriar Mall) as another option to buy the school shirt with the crest. We encourage you to purchase your uniforms early or during Open House where the vendor will be available for you. Parents, we need your help in supporting the school uniform program in order for it to be successful. Please encourage your child to wear the school uniform Monday-Thursday. Fridays will be considered "spirit wear" days

and students can choose to wear a school shirt or outfits with our school colors.

- Parent Participation: A school is an extension of the community. I truly believe in the adage, “It takes a village to raise a child!” Research has shown that parent involvement in the school is a very important factor in student achievement. In order for Seaborn to continue to make academic strides, we need every parent to do their part. We need you to positively support the staff, the mission/vision of the school and the Seaborn community. There are many opportunities to volunteer and/or join the PTA, attend School Governance Council meetings, and to participate in activities within your child’s grade level. **We will be electing new PTA officers this year so this is an excellent time to become active in our school.** Please make every effort to commit some time to our school---Our students, teachers and support staff needs you!!!
- School Hours: The first day of school is Monday, August 7, 2017 and our school hours are 7:40am – 2:20pm. The building will open for students at 7:15am. Students may not arrive prior to 7:15am because he/she will be unsupervised. Additionally, all students should be picked up from school no later than 2:45 pm, unless they are participating in a school-sponsored activity or after school program.
 - Communication: We want to be sure that all of our parents/guardians are informed of what is going on at the school and events that are taking place throughout the year. The best way to do this is to be sure that your phone number and email address are current in our system. Additionally, we encourage you to download the Remind App so that you can receive text messages to your phone. Finally, you can always stay up to date via our school website (<http://school.fultonschools.org/es/seabornlee/Pages/default.aspx>), or by following us on Twitter: @SeabornLeeES.

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming dates:

Thursday, August 3, 2017, 4:00-7:00pm, Open House (all grade levels)

Tuesday, September 19, 2017, 5:00-6:00pm, Title I Annual State of the School Address and

6:00-7:00pm, Curriculum Night (Meet the teachers and receive curriculum information).

Wednesday, September 21st- Fall Picture Day

Friday, November 3, 2016- First full release day. No school for students.

Friday, December 1, 2017- Second full release day. No school for students.

Thursday, March 8, 2018- Third full release day. No school for students.

As always, I welcome and invite parental input, suggestions, and support. I challenge you to embrace our vision and to help Seaborn Lee sustain its tradition of excellence! My door is always open and I look forward to seeing you this year.

Sincerely,

Kiné Geathers
Principal