



Greetings Edgewood Staff,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 academic school year! I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer. I am happy to welcome back the Pathways Edgewood staff as well as new staff! I am truly delighted that you are part of this amazing learning community. I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education, and I look forward to working with everyone.

We will begin the new school year with a staff meeting for all Edgewood staff at The Pathways Schools - Edgewood on Monday, August 22nd at 8:00am to kick off our orientation week! During orientation week, we will be off-site on Tuesday, August 23rd (all day) in Columbia, and some may be off-site Wednesday, August 24th from 8:00am-10:00am to participate in an all-staff virtual orientation. Our time together will call for everyone to be focused and committed. It will also call for each of you to have flexibility and willingness to use your time wisely because we have a lot to accomplish in one week. Although this is a big task, I know you are up for the challenge!

This year, The Pathways Schools celebrates its 41st year with the theme, Empowering Resilience! I know we are ready to dig into our learning toolboxes and do whatever it takes to empower resilience within our school community. We understand that improving student learning encompasses academics, social-emotional, and behavior which are at the core of our work.

School Hours

Student Hours: 8:05am – 3:05pm; Wednesdays 8:05am-12:40pm

Staff Hours: 7:55am-3:25pm

Office Hours: 7:55am-3:25pm

I will not be on-site at the beginning of this year due to surgery; however, I will return to the building no later than the week of October 10th. During this time, Mr. Barnes (School-based Program Assistant) and Mr. Conner (Community-based Program Assistant) will continue to fully manage and supervise their respective programs and staff. I will be working remotely the entire time while I am out. I encourage you to reach out to me at any time.

Please take a moment to review the 2022-2023 school year calendar as well as the orientation schedule. A few key points to keep in mind as you review the Orientation Week Schedule:

- A light breakfast will be provided on Monday, August 22nd.
- We will start promptly at 8:00am daily to maximize our time together. We will use much of the Orientation week for planning, department meetings, and site beautification.
- More details will come about the All-Staff Meeting on Tuesday, August 23rd at The Meeting House, which is in Columbia, MD.
- All staff will meet virtually at 8:00am to review the employee handbook and benefits on August 24th.
- All staff will meet virtually at 9:30am for the principal's icebreaker on August 24th.

Please enjoy the remainder of your summer and make sure you have fun! I look forward to seeing each of you soon!

Sincerely,

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