



GLOBAL SCHOLARS ACADEMY

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Welcome Back to School!

It is my pleasure to join the incredible team of educators at Global Scholars Academy, as Head of School, in partnering with you, an engaged and supportive parent and family community, to ensure your children SOAR to their full potential!

The past 10 years, GSA has done amazing work executing the school charter and my goal is to learn as much as I can about what is working for our students and our families and leverage some of my unique experiences to help us move through this season of transition and accelerate our growth as we take on the next 10 years.

Our Core Values: Protection, Affection, Correction and Connection will guide our teaching and programming efforts. Our goals for our students will continue to be delivering a high-quality education that is broad *and* deep and expands access to life-changing experiences. Our curriculum will foster curiosity, connect the Common Core with real world experience, and prepare students to thrive in a dynamic global economy. Our commitment to a whole-child approach remains – emphasizing wellness, cultivating soft skills such as leadership, character education and resilience-building behaviors.

As we prepare to kick off the school year there are a few important things to keep in mind:

- **Open House will be held virtually on July 11, 2020.** There, more information will be provided regarding uniforms, technology, and other key logistical matters supporting a virtual return to learning.
- **The first day of school is July 15, 2020.** Please note, if your child does not report to school by the morning of Friday, July 17, 2020, they will be de-rolled and lose their spot.
- **Uniforms** will be available for purchase at the school closer to the time we return to the building.

In line with the latest update from the Governor, GSA will begin the school year with **100% Remote Learning**. We will send information regarding the schedule and instructions for logging in to learning platforms soon. We expect additional State guidance over the coming months and will use that guidance to develop and revise plans that work for GSA.

We will continue to face many challenges this year as we navigate the ever-changing restrictions and regulations associated with this pandemic. As changes become available, we will monitor and keep our GSA community, including parents, students, teachers, board members abreast of any new changes to our learning plan.

I am excited to start the new Virtual School Year and look forward to meeting and serving you in 2020-2021!

Sincerely,
Dr. Pamela Baldwin
Head of School

"I do my best because I'm counting on you counting on me." - Maya Angelou
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