Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are midway through September and I would like to take this opportunity to share what we have accomplished thus far and what lies ahead. Overall, students and staff are as back to normal as we can hope for this year. In walking the halls and visiting classes, we see active learning taking place. Students are working collaboratively and creatively in their classes using technology to accentuate their academic instruction. Teachers are embracing and incorporating meaningful dialogue in the Student Advisory



periods as well as in all of their classes throughout the day helping to establish and to foster positive relationships with students. To help us monitor academic skill levels in math and literacy specifically, we are administering the Start Strong Testing program and will use this data to help drive instruction throughout the year.

Outside of the classroom, McAuliffe is preparing for an exciting school year. We are currently preparing for our annual Run for Vets program in November and are looking forward to celebrating our Veterans. We are also excited for our annual McAuliffe Fall Fun Day, a series of outside competitions and games to have some fun, work as a team and show our school spirit. Our Student Assistance Counselor is working with our Peer Leadership Students to prepare for Week of Respect in early October. We will continue to promote respect for one's self, school and each other throughout the school year through programs, assemblies and activities. Sports teams have been practicing and contests are ready to begin. Students are competitive and demonstrate good sportsmanship in all competitions.

Our parent organization, the School and Home Association, is up and running again. We are actively planning to host a school Gift Auction/Bingo Night in the new year. We will have our next meeting virtually on October 12 at 7:30pm. Check out the SHA Facebook page for more information and how to login. We can use all the help we can get!

Please keep an eye out for information on our webpage or through my weekly email blasts about how to schedule a Parent/Teacher conference in November. Conferences will be held on November 15, 16, and 17 and on the evening of November 15. Information on how to sign up will be sent out in early November. Parents will have the option for an in-person meeting or a virtual conference.

As always, we encourage parents to reach out to administration, teachers and counselors if there are any problems or concerns you or your child are experiencing. We are here to provide insight and guidance and will continue to work with you for the best interest of your child. It is our pleasure working collaboratively with our parents and community for the betterment of our children.

Yours in education,

Debra Phillips Principal "Inspire, Community, Pride"