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<b>Monday, September 1</b> Labor Day School Closed Offices Closed
<b>Tuesday, September 2</b> First Day of School
11:30am Early Dismissal
1:00pm Get Acquainted Parent Conferences
<b>Wednesday, September 3</b> First Full Day of School for Grades 1-8
8:30am Meeting for Worship Green Street Meetinghouse
11:30am

## See You on Tuesday for the First Day of School!

We look forward to seeing everyone for **the first day of school** on Tuesday, September 2! Please note: this will be a half day. School will end at 11:30am and the After School Program will remain open until 6:00pm. If your student will be staying for the After School Program on September 2, please be sure to pack a lunch.



Wednesday, September 3 will also be half day for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students only. Their first full day of school will be on Thursday, September 4.

You can still sign up for a **Get Acquainted Parent Conference** on Tuesday, September 2 1:00pm to 5:00pm. This is a time for you to tell us about your child: his or her affinities, passions, strengths, challenges, activities over the summer, areas for growth, and more. Online sign-up has closed; please call Syreeta Bacon at [\(215\) 438-7000](tel:2154387000) to determine your teacher's availability.

## Back to School Information Available on Class Websites

Don't forget to visit your student's [class page](#) before school begins. Each class page contains important information including:

- Class roster
- Supplies list
- Summer reading and work
- Information about parent get acquainted conferences
- [Grandparents and mentors form](#)

Early Dismissal for Pre-K and Kindergarten Only

**Thursday, September 4**  
First Full Day of School for Pre-K and Kindergarten

7:00pm  
Parents Association Meeting  
"Cupcakes and Conversation"  
Armat Street Building

### Keep Connected



**We're at 588 likes on Facebook. Help us get to 600 by the first day of school! There will be a special prize for the 600th like...**

- [Parent volunteer form](#)

If you have trouble accessing your child's class page or need help with your log-in information, please call the School at [\(215\) 438-7000](tel:2154387000).

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## New Teaching Assistants



We are thrilled to welcome four new Teaching Assistants for the 2014-15 school year. To learn more about each person, please click on his or her name...and be sure to introduce yourself next week!

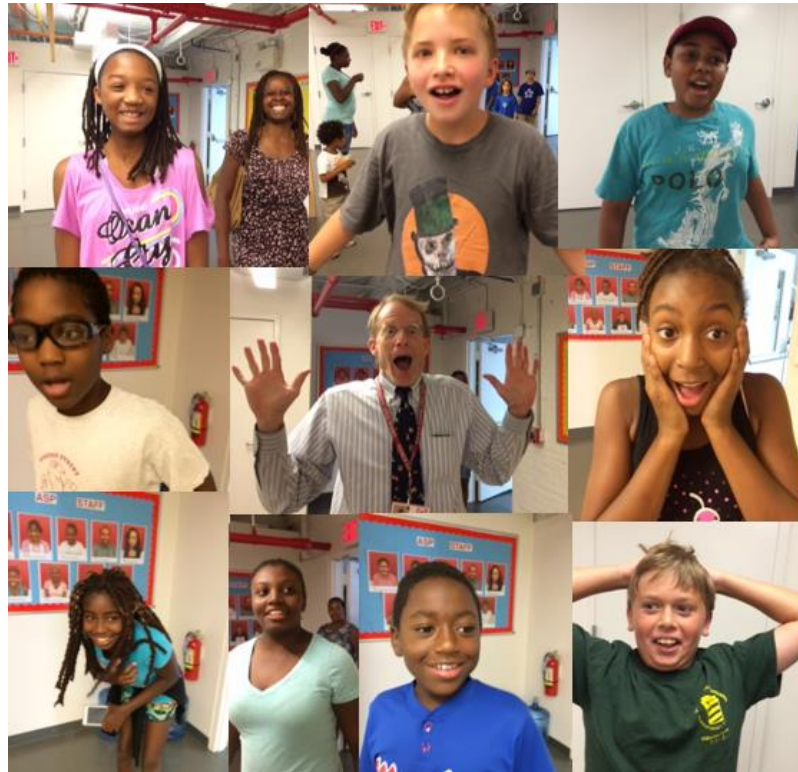
- [Azizah Grant](#) - Kathie's Pre-K Class
- [Julia Copeland](#) - Lori's 1st Grade Class
- [Laura Kroclic](#) - Anna's 3rd Grade Class
- [Evan Cantu-Hertzler](#) - 7th Grade and Part-Time Physical Education Teacher

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## First Look at the New 6th Grade Classrooms

The Class of 2017 and their families were invited to school on Wednesday afternoon for a first look at their new classrooms, which are located on the lower level of the Armat Street Building.

Here is a compilation of first reactions to the new rooms:



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Thank you to Teri and Bethann for their incredible work in transforming this space over the summer!

**GSFS Welcomes New Students and Families During Orientation**



With the start of school only days away, new students and parents visited campus on Thursday for the New Family Orientation.

After initial remarks and introductions, parents and students split into separate groups. Parents met members of the Administrative Team, asked questions, and learned more in-depth about the School's curriculum and philosophy.

Meanwhile, students kept busy taking tours of their new school, playing outside, discussing Quakerism, and testing out the sports equipment.

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## Enjoy "Cupcakes and Conversation" with the Parents Association

**Thursday, September 4  
7:00pm to 8:00pm  
Armat Street Building -  
Music Room**

Join us for a [night to gather and meet fellow GSFS parents](#). Among other presentations, special guest Pamela Hooks, a life specialist and media coach, will lead parents in a variety of fun-filled, get-to-know-you activities and ice breakers.



*Parents Association Co-Presidents Shayna Bayard and Janise Lee*

### Mark your calendars for these upcoming PA events:

- [Back to School Family Picnic](#) - Friday, September 12
- [Camden Riversharks PA Fundraiser](#) - Saturday, September 13. Ticket sales end on September 11so [order yours today](#) using code GSPA14. \$5 from each ticket will go towards [the Parents Association](#).

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## Art Room Wish List

Put your clutter to good use! The Art Room is looking for the following items:

- Yarn in all sizes and colors
- Magazines for collage projects
- Plastic fruit for still life drawing

If you have any of these materials that you no longer need, please bring them by the Art classroom on the 2nd floor of the Armat Building. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a time to drop off your items, please contact [GSFS Art teacher Marie](#).



*Last year's Pre-K used yarn and paper in their self-portraits.*

## September at a Glance

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Labor Day Offices Closed	2 First Day of School  11:30am Early Dismissal  1:00pm Get Acquainted Conferences	3 Grades 1-8 Full Day  8:30am Meeting for Worship  11:30am Early Dismissal for Pre -K and K	4 Full Day for All Students  7:00pm Parents Association Meeting	5	6
8	9 7:00pm 7th Grade Parent Costa Rica Meeting	10 8:30am Meeting for Worship	11 8:30am Middle School Trip	12 8:30am All School Assembly  5:30pm PA Family Picnic	13 5:35pm PA Fundraiser at the Camden River- sharks
15 5:30pm PA Family Picnic Rain Date	16	17 8:30am Meeting for Worship  4:00pm School Committee Meeting	18 8:45am Admission Open House  7:30pm Lower School Back to School Night	19	20
22 Innisbrook Wrapping Paper Sale begins  Picture Day	23 7:00pm Middle School Back to School Night	24 8:30am Meeting for Worship  Rosh Hashana Begins at Sunset	25 Rosh Hashana	26 Rosh Hashana	27
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## Maplewood Mall Reconstruction Project Meeting

**Tuesday, September 9  
7:00pm to 8:30pm  
First Presbyterian Church  
35 West Cheltenham Avenue**

Our neighbors across Armat Street in the Maplewood Mall are hosting an open meeting and listening session on Tuesday, September 9.

The City of Philadelphia is in the process of reconstructing Maplewood Mall's roadway and plazas. The goal is to provide a framework for the reinvention of the Mall into a vibrant urban space.

For additional details, please click [here](#).

