

Baldwin Hills Elementary Pilot  
Gifted/High Ability Magnet  
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*Anchored and grounded in strengths from our past,*

*poised and ready to soar!*

July 28, 2017

Greetings Families,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! Trusting you had a restful summer break and that you are ready to embark on another successful school year! We thank you for entrusting your child to our care for the academic year ahead. We are excited to foster the community building between school and home that is integral for your child's success academically, behaviorally, and socially. Together, we can make this school year a successful one for all!

Enrollment for new families begins this summer during the week of August 7, with registration taking place in our main office, Monday-Thursday, from 9-12 each day. *We then kick off our new school year with a **mandatory TK & Kindergarten Enrollment Orientation Meeting on Thursday, August 10 at 1:30**, followed by our **Annual Back to School Celebration from 2:00-3:00, on Friday, August 11!** See enclosed flyer for more! **The first day of school is on Tuesday, August 15, 2017.** Gates open at **7:45**, with our instructional day commencing at **8:05** and ending at **2:30**. **Banked-time Tuesdays with the early 1:30 dismissal time begin on Tuesday, August 22, 2017.** The following Tuesday, August 29, 2017 marks our Back-to-School Night! More important dates are enclosed in the 2017-2018 calendar; please keep it and use as a reference for the year. Our afterschool offerings include Youth Services, L.A.'s Best, and Ethan's Afterschool Enrichment Club. Please have a plan in place for afterschool care; stop by the main office for info and/or contact the program director directly.*

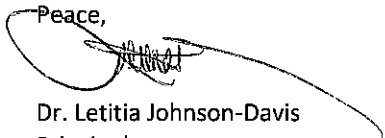
As a pilot school, our school community has intentionally chosen to focus our instructional program on three core areas with the state standards as our curricular guide. First, we employ culturally responsive, academically rigorous instructional practices to build on the rich backgrounds and experiences of our students. Second, we work to make the learning truly student-centered, where students are empowered to construct their understanding through problem/project based inquiries. And third, we integrate 21<sup>st</sup> century skills and competencies through a commitment to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM). We will continue to support our students' language development as well as provide intervention instruction for students who are at risk of not meeting grade level standards. We will strive to see all students meet the goal of 96% attendance, which means *no more than seven absences in a school year*. We are committed to nurturing the development of our students' character. Behavioral expectations will be communicated, modeled, and reinforced to maintain a constructive environment for learning.

We would like to remind all families that Baldwin Hills Elementary Pilot, G/HA Magnet would like to see **ALL** students wearing their school uniform beginning the first day of school. Our school uniform colors are white and blue. Boys are asked to wear navy blue pants with a white shirt. Girls are asked to wear navy blue uniform skirts, jumpers, or pants with a white blouse. Uniforms are available for sale at Target, JCPenney's and Sears. School logo shirts are available for sale in the Parent Center.

If you can't make our Back to School Celebration, please know that class rosters will be posted outside the main office at 4:00pm on Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. Please take a few minutes to stop by and see who your new teacher will be.

We look forward to seeing you very soon and beginning another successful academic year!

Peace,

  
Dr. Letitia Johnson-Davis  
Principal

*Enc: Back to School Flyer, 2017-2018 Calendar*