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Subject: Welcome Letter 2025-2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the start of the 2025-2026 School Year! We hope all of our families are enjoying their summer. We want to welcome all of our new families to our Mote Community! The Mote Staff is ready to welcome back our returning families and to meet our new Mote families. We have some new staff members who will be highlighted in our weekly newsletters which will resume on Friday August 22. The custodial team has done a fantastic job cleaning and preparing the school for our students.

As you should be aware, all Delaware schools have switched to a new system, Infinite Campus. We will all learn this new system together this year. One major change is the parent portal. Please stay tuned for more information and action steps for parents using the new parent portal.

The start of a new school year brings with it a sense of anticipation and excitement. It is a time of new beginnings, opportunities, and growth. At Mote Elementary we are committed to providing a family-oriented school community where all members are committed to the academic, social and emotional growth for all students. Our core values are as follows: We give respect, we are responsible, we cooperate with others, we welcome diversity, and we learn with a growth mindset. Mote Bulldogs GROWL!

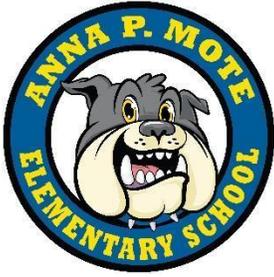
At Mote Elementary we believe that education is a collaborative effort involving students, parents, teachers, and the community. We encourage open communication and active involvement from parents and guardians to ensure the success of our students. We will organize various events and parent-teacher conferences throughout the year to keep you informed about your child's progress and achievements.

Our hours for the 2025-2026 school year remain the same as last year. Instruction will begin at 9:05 a.m. and end at 3:50 p.m. Our duty staff will close the doors at 9:05. After 9:05, parents will need to bring their child to the main office to sign them in. To eliminate classroom disruptions, early dismissals will not be permitted between 3:15 p.m.-4:00 p.m. A signed note by the parent/guardian is still required the morning of an early dismissal. The note should include the date, time, and reason for the early dismissal. School doors will open promptly at 8:50 a.m. Students are not permitted to be dropped off earlier than 8:50 a.m. as there will be no supervision available.

Students at Anna P. Mote will continue to be eligible to receive breakfast and lunch at NO CHARGE through a federally funded program, CEP (Community Eligibility Provision). Families are NOT required to complete any applications or forms. Students enrolled at Anna P. Mote are automatically eligible to receive breakfast and lunch at no charge while at school. Please see the attached flier for more information.

The Red Clay Consolidated School District offers a voluntary low cost accident insurance for your student. Families can choose either during the school day or 24- hour coverage. Applications and fees should be sent directly to the Philadelphia Insurance companies. There is no obligation to purchase this insurance.

There will be a Meet the Teacher event in person at Mote Elementary School from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday August 21, 2025. The purpose of this event is to



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welcome your student to the new school year, provide them with their homeroom information, and allow families to meet their new teacher and other Mote staff. Homeroom information will not be available prior to this event. Parents will have the opportunity to complete the car rider application, sign up for PTA, update medical information, and check on bus transportation. Mote is fortunate to have the Y available for onsite before and after care. There will be information available at the Meet the Teacher event. Please contact us with any questions at (302) 992-5565.

The first day of school for students in grades 1-5 is Monday August 25, 2025. There is no school for students on Friday August 29 or Monday September 1. Kindergarten students will have a staggered start to allow opportunities for teachers to get to know our new kindergarten students. This means if your kindergarten child's last name starts with letters A-L, they will come to school on Monday August 25, and Tuesday August 26. If your child's last name starts with letters M-Z, they will come to school on Wednesday August 27, and Thursday August 28.

Send your child to school with a backpack and pencil case and we will do the rest! Your child's teacher will provide the necessary school supplies to be used while at school. Families are not obligated to purchase school supplies. However, if you choose to donate supplies, please click on the link to see a recommended list.

[District Elementary Supply List- Mote](#)

Please refer to this [link](#) for the district cell phone policy. For elementary school, *Students whose parents require that they have a cell phone or other personal electronic device at school are to keep them off and away at all times during the instructional day. Use of these devices at any point during the school day is considered "unauthorized." These devices must be kept in a clothing pocket, secured bookbag, or locker (locked when possible) at all times.*

It is my privilege to serve the Mote Community as the Principal for the 2025-2026 school year. I look forward to continuing to work with the Mote staff to provide your child/children with a supportive, safe learning environment with quality instruction to help them work towards their fullest potential. It is our school vision to prepare our students to make positive contributions to society by being culturally responsive and civically conscious critical thinkers.

Sincerely,  
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