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Dear Sandman Family,

Welcome Back! We are incredibly excited to begin the 2016 - 2017 school year here at Sandman! This promises to be a year filled with opportunities for all of our students as we find ways that we can be even better than we have before! We embark on this journey with a pledge to you, our students and parents, that this will be a year of engaging, meaningful and rigorous work in our classrooms, combined with events, extracurricular clubs and activities certain to encourage our Sandman students to get involved.

It is the mission of the Lower Township Elementary School District to provide quality educational programs capable of supporting all learners to achieve. District goals have been put in place to assure this and they are as follows:

- To foster effective communication and positive relationships with students, parents, staff and the community.
- To increase measures that educate parents and students about the importance of school attendance and its link to student achievement.

To achieve these goals we extend a special, yearlong invitation to our families to join us at school activities and events whenever possible. We want, need and value your involvement and support in your child's education! Your active participation is key to the success of your child during his/her time her at Sandman.

Please know that we highly value home/school communication as it is vital and plays an integral role in each student's success. We encourage you to contact us if/when the need arises, and to stay in the know about your child's academics, school activities, events and happenings. We are excited to launch a Sandman Facebook page this year which will allow us to communicate all our happenings more effectively than ever! We will provide you with additional information about our Facebook page in the first Thursday Folder and at Back to School Night on Thursday, September 15th.

Finally, excellent student attendance is at the utmost importance for your child's success here at Sandman. Students are more likely to succeed in academics when they attend school consistently. It's difficult for the teacher and the class to build their skills and progress if a large number of students are frequently absent. In addition to falling behind in academics, students who are not in school on a regular basis are more likely to get into trouble with the law and cause problems in their communities. Please contact us if you have any attendance questions. Together we can make your child's time here at Sandman not only educational but enjoyable.

Again, we welcome you to Sandman and to our wonderful learning community. Here's to an AMAZING new school year and we look forward to working together to make our school a great place to work and learn each and everyday!

Van Cathcart Principal

Charles W. Sandman Consolidated School