



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary School 2025-2026 Welcome Letter

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Hello Parents and Guardians,

My name is Mr. Zachary Herz and I will be your child's 8th Grade Science and Math Teacher. I am looking forward to the start of the school year and getting to know our scholars. For the school year, I am requesting that students have the following supplies for their math and science classes:

- **3** Notebooks (used for Science during the entire year)
- **3** Notebooks (used for Math during the entire year)
- **2** Folders (one for Science and one for Math)
- **3** Boxes of Pencils (used for entire school year and other subjects)
- Pencil Case with Pens/Pencils
- **1** Package of Disinfectant Wipes

Please have all supplies for your scholar by **Friday, August 29th**.

It is expected that homework will be given **weekly** to scholars. The purpose of homework will be to refine and master any math skills that are taught throughout the week. Please look out for additional materials to aid in our scholar's learning.

Once again, I am looking forward to getting started! As the school year gets started, our main point of contact will be ClassDojo. **Please be on the lookout for an email or text message to join our class's ClassDojo page.** All scholars will be required to have a parent/guardian on the platform. In the meantime, if you need to reach me, my email is zherz@philasd.org.

Thank you,
- Mr. Herz