Dear Seven Oaks Families,  August 6, 2025

We hope that everyone has had a wonderful summer so far, filled with fun, relaxation, meaningful moments with loved ones, and hopefully lots of opportunities for reading and putting math skills to work! While we certainly don't want to rush away the remaining days of break, Ms. Busick and I are eagerly looking ahead to the start of a new school year. The halls, classrooms, playground, and courtyard of Seven Oaks have been far too quiet without the energy, laughter, and curiosity of our scholars. We miss the buzz of learning and the sense of community that comes alive when our students are here. We truly cannot wait to welcome everyone back and fill our spaces with joy and purpose once again.

This year, we will embrace our theme: **Aim High. Dig Deep. Go Far.** It reflects the high expectations we hold for each student and the deep commitment we share as a school community to support, challenge, and celebrate every child’s growth. Together—with your partnership—we know that our students will go far, not just academically, but as kind, capable, and confident young people. Our staff is committed to analyzing our instructional practices to provide high- quality learning opportunities that are clear, rooted in student-based data, responsive, and focused on achievement. We ask that our students continue to bring their spirit of effort and perseverance each day. We believe in our scholars, and we believe this year is going to be successful for all!

S**afety will continue to be a top priority**. At Seven Oaks, we teach and model that *we are safe with our words and our actions*. This means speaking kindly to one another, asking for help

when it’s needed, and using our hands for helping ourselves and others. It takes all of us— students, staff, and families—to create and maintain a school environment where every child feels safe, welcomed, and supported. Ms. Busick and I remain committed to nurturing and recognizing safe behaviors daily, and in the event of an incident, you can count on us to keep you informed.

We will continue to enforce BCPS Rule 1240, attached to this email, that establishes procedures governing visitors to schools and offices of the Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS). At Seven Oaks, **all visitors must report directly to the office** upon entering the building, where a member of our office staff will be happy to provide assistance. This is a crucial step in keeping our building secure and our students safe.

Further, we strongly encourage all adults who plan to visit, support classrooms, or attend field trips to complete the **BCPS Volunteer Training** at the start of the year. This training must be completed **annually** and helps ensure we are all aligned in our shared responsibility for the safety and well-being of our students.

To help you prepare for the start of the year, there are several very important pieces of information we would like to bring to your attention. Please see and carefully read the key points included in this year’s **Ready to Go Far: 2025-2026 Info-at-a-Glance** document. It includes

important dates and information regarding important topics such as: Sneak-a-Peek, Back-to- School Night, Transportation Change - Walkers, and Attendance, to name a few.

Finally, in addition to our school’s Facebook page: Seven Oaks Elementary School, we now have an Instagram page too: sevenoaksscholars. We will continue to share good news from school, upcoming events, and important information using both platforms. Our monthly newsletter, The Owl Witness, will also be available again this year and will resume in October. We know that communication is vital in staying connected and being informed. We hope you will find these formats useful and enjoyable.

In the meantime, please enjoy the rest of your summer. Keep reading, enjoy some time outside

when it’s not too hot or raining, eat lots of ice cream—and know that we’re here, working behind

the scenes to make this the best year yet.

With excitement and gratitude,

# Mrs. Jenny Conrad

Proud Principal, Seven Oaks Elementary

# Ms. Robin Busick

Assistant Principal