## BRADLEY BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 515 BRINLEY AVENUE BRADLEY BEACH, NEW JERSEY 07720

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To the Bradley Beach School Community:

On behalf of the Bradley Beach Elementary School Board of Education and administration, I would like to welcome you to the 2015-2016 school year. This year promises to be an exciting one, filled with new programs, initiatives and hopes for enriching the lives of our children.

For this new school year, which begins for students on September 8th, there are a variety of programs and initiatives that we are looking forward to. First, we are pleased to provide our school community with a new full-day preschool program. We also have a new collaboration with Barnabas Health Institute for Prevention, an initiative that will provide comprehensive services for our at-risk children and their families. We are proud to be one of twelve schools to receive an Arts in Education (AIE) Grant. This grant will provide our school with a resident artist who will work with our art teacher to teach our students about ceramic tiling and mosaic art. We look forward to enhancing our academic programs with newly revised curriculums in 5-8 Social Studies and 5-8 Mathematics. Our school will have a redesigned STEM lab that will include MakerSpace, a hands-on project-based technology experience. Finally, there will be new and enhanced professional development opportunities for our teachers in current topics to support curriculum and instruction, including data driven instruction and English Language Learners (ELL) training and support.

School begins for students on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> and all students should report directly to the school playground. For grades 1-8, the first day of school will be a full day. Students should arrive at 8:40 A.M., dismissal is at 3:10 P.M., and lunch will be served. For Preschool and Kindergarten, Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> will be half days. Students should arrive at 8:40 A.M., dismissal is at 1:00 P.M., and lunch will be served.

I look forward to meeting with many of you at our Back-to-School Night, which will take place on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. I encourage you to attend and to continue to take an active part in your children's education throughout the school year. Our home-school partnership is critical to the success of your children. I urge you to attend school functions, communicate with your children's teachers, and talk to your children on a daily basis. Together, we can nurture our children to rise to their greatest potentials.

In closing, my staff and I are eager to meet your children for a wonderful and productive school year.

Sincerely,

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