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Dear Dutrow Families and Students,

Welcome to David A. Dutrow Elementary, A Global Studies magnet school! I am Kelly Stewart, proud Principal of Dutrow. I am thrilled that your student and family will be returning or joining us for the upcoming school year. Dutrow really is a special place. In my upcoming third year as Principal, I look forward to getting to know your student(s) and developing a relationship with you. We strive to get to know our students individually and I look forward to having conversations with families about how we can make Dutrow the best learning environment for your child.

At Dutrow, our mission is to engage students in a rigorous, academic environment where we focus on global ideas and an international perspective. This includes the study of nations, cultures and civilizations. Dutrow also is unique in that we are an open-concept school in which our faculty and staff use inquiry-based strategies and reflection which allows our students to develop skills to become productive, thoughtful and responsible citizens. In addition to enhancing the Virginia Standards of Learning and the Newport News Public Schools curriculum through a global approach, we ensure, monitor and measure our students' acquisition of critical thinking, problem-solving, creativity and innovation, information literacy, communication, initiative and self-directions, collaboration and social responsibility.

I look forward to meeting everyone this year and engaging in learning with our students. I will continue to strive to make Dutrow Elementary the place to be in Newport News. We will host many family-oriented events this year to connect you to our school and to your child's learning and overall academic success. I am pleased to welcome our new Assistant Principal, Mrs. Kimberly Coleman. Please be sure to stop in to introduce yourself to her. We are excited that she has joined the Dutrow family.

The Dutrow staff and I look forward to meeting you and continuing our work together to make our students successful. I can't wait to welcome our Dutrow family back again for another exciting year!

Yours in Education,

Kelly Stewart

Principal
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