

# Greenbelt Middle School



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Dr. Daria Valentine, *Acting Principal*

**August 21, 2017**

Dear Students, Parents and Faculty,

My name is Dr. Daria Valentine, and I am extremely honored to join the staff of Greenbelt Middle School as the new acting principal. I'm very passionate about education and I look forward to partnering with you to provide all of our students with a rigorous, engaging, and high-quality school experience.

Before joining Greenbelt Middle School, I served in a variety of teaching and educational leadership roles. In the past seventeen years, some of the roles to include classroom teacher, instructional coach, content area specialist for science K-12, and assistant principal. As an assistant principal, I developed and supported a rigorous instructional program to ensure all students graduated college and career ready.

Please continue to stay involved with the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) to ensure that your voices are heard. I have already spoken with Ms. Dawkins, your PTSA President, and will be meeting with the PTSA Executive Board later this month. I look forward to hearing your ideas on how we can continue to meet the needs of our students.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve your families in this role. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me by sending an email to [daria.valentine@pgcps.org](mailto:daria.valentine@pgcps.org) if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas you would like to share. I will be hosting a meet and greet for parents on Thursday, August 31, 2017 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Greenbelt Middle School Multi Purpose Room. I look forward to telling you a little about myself and my background, updating you on some of our summer work as we prepare for the school year, and asking for your feedback on how we can continue to improve.

I would like to remind you that Greenbelt Middle School is a uniform school. Please support our staff by making sure that your child comes to school each day in compliance with our uniform policy. The detailed expectations regarding our uniform policy are listed on our website and highlighted at the end of this letter.

**Please note the following important dates for the 2017-2018 school year:**

Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2017 is the orientation for new 6th and 7th graders  
Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2017 is the first day of school for all students (grades 6-8)  
Monday, Sept. 11, 2017 is our 6th grade Back-To- School Night  
Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2017 is our 7th grade Back-To- School Night  
Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2017 is our 8th grade Back-To- School Night

If you have a Twitter account please follow me at [@Daria\\_Valentine](https://twitter.com/Daria_Valentine) for school related updates and events.

Sincerely,

Daria N. Valentine, Ed.D.