



USHER-COLLIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Greetings Faculty and Staff,

Welcome back, B.E. Usher-Collier Heights Elementary School: **The Best Elementary School in the City of Atlanta!** As we prepare for another exciting school year full of endless opportunities for growth and success, we warmly welcome both returning and new members of our team.

It is my honor to welcome you to the 2024-2025 school year, where I am confident we will continue to “*know students by name and need*.” Let’s continue to work together to ensure our students demonstrate our R.O.A.R core values (*Responsibility, Outstanding, Achievement, and Respect*). We all have a tremendous job ahead of us and your dedication during pre-planning will be a huge factor in determining our success for the year. At Usher-Collier Elementary, student and teacher growth, consistent data analysis, and instructional intentionality are our strengths. We are devoted to advancing every student to grade-level proficiency and beyond. We recognize every student has limitless potential, and it’s our joy to do all we can to draw it out of them. The work is sometimes hard, but the mission is possible, and our team is ready for yet another year of growth, progress, and academic achievement as “*we work hard while making no excuses*.”

During Pre-planning, there will be scheduled professional development sessions facilitated by district leaders as well as pre-planning development sessions at Usher-Collier ES. Therefore, it will be imperative that you manage your time wisely and begin preparing your classrooms to reflect standards-based instruction on Day 1.

*Teachers and paraprofessionals are scheduled to return to work on **Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 8:00 AM**.* Lunch will be provided. We will assemble in the gymnasium promptly at 9:00 AM for our opening session. *Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, July 31, 2024 from 9:00 AM- 11:00 AM*, and the first day of school for students is Thursday, August 1, 2024. Your work schedule is Monday-Friday from 7:30 AM-2:30 PM. All staff are expected to Kronos in using your cellphone or computer. When signing in on your cellphone, you must be within 500 feet of the school. Otherwise, you should sign in on your computer. If you use your cellular phone, please turn on your location. This is a requirement from Atlanta Public Schools.

Event	Date	Location
Site Based New Teacher Orientation	Friday, July 19, 2024	Usher-Collier Elementary School
Back to School Bash	Saturday, July 20, 2024	Georgia World Congress Center
New Teacher Orientation	Monday, July 22 nd -Wednesday, July 24 th	Frederick Douglass High School 255 Hamilton E. Holmes Dr. NW., Atlanta, GA 30318
Pre-Planning	Thursday, July 25, 2024	Usher-Collier Elementary School
Pre-Planning	Friday, July 26, 2024	Usher-Collier Elementary School
Pre-Planning Off Site	Monday, July 29, 2024	District PL Day (Science of Reading, Numeracy, and other Academic Priorities)
Pre-Planning	Tuesday, July 30, 2024	Usher-Collier Elementary School- School-Based PL Workday
Open House	Wednesday, July 31, 2024	Usher-Collier Elementary School
1 st Day of School	Thursday, August 1, 2024	Usher-Collier Elementary School

Please enjoy the last few days of your summer vacation, and we look forward to seeing you on the first day of preplanning, Thursday, July 25, 2024.

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