

Welcome Letter

Eliza B. Kirkbride Elementary School
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August 25, 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. My name is Stephanie McKnight, and I am excited to introduce myself as your child's Autistic Support teacher for grades 6-8 at Eliza B. Kirkbride Elementary School. I have been part of this wonderful school community since last school term and look forward to continuing to get to know you and your child.

As a dedicated educator with a Master's degree in Special Education from Temple University, I bring both professional experience and a deep passion for supporting students with diverse needs. My teaching philosophy centers around creating an inclusive and nurturing environment where every student can thrive. I believe in the power of individualized education plans (IEPs) to guide each student's learning journey, and I am committed to tailoring instruction to meet your child's unique strengths and needs.

Throughout the school year, we will focus on building essential academic skills, social-emotional development, and life skills that will serve your child both in and out of the classroom. I am a strong advocate for open communication and collaboration, and I believe that working together, we can ensure the best possible outcomes for your child.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions, concerns, or insights about your child's learning and development. You can reach me via email at smcknight@philasd.org, classdojo or by phone at (215) 400-7980 ext 1100. I also welcome you to schedule a meeting with me if you would like to discuss your child's progress in person.

I look forward to a successful, fun and rewarding school year with your child. Thank you for your support and partnership as we embark on this journey together.

Warm regards,

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Ms. McKnight Classroom Supplies List for 2025-2026

These items listed below can be found where you shop at: **Dollar Tree, Target, Five Below, or Walmart, Staples, Super Markets or even leftovers from last year.**

- **Headphones** with a 3.5 mm jack (Over the head headphones no bluetooth earbuds please)
- **1 box of pencils**
- **4 Plastic two-pocket folders** (1 blue, 1 red, 1 yellow, 1 green)
- **1 glue bottle or 4 glue sticks**
- **1 pack of copy paper**
- **1 pack of colored markers**
- **1 pack of crayons**
- **1 pack of dry-erase markers**
- **2 Spiral notebook**
- **2 bottles of Hand Sanitizer**
- **4 Lysol, Clorox Wipes or Disinfecting Wipes**
- **4 paper towel rolls**
- **4 boxes of tissues**
- **Refillable water bottle used daily**

*** These items will be utilized throughout the school year. Please ensure you obtain everything listed.** If you have any questions/concerns contact Ms. McKnight.

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