August 2004

Dear New Falk Family:

I want to extend a warm welcome to you from the Falk PTA! With a child(ren) at Falk School, you are now part of a unique and very special community. As the year approaches, you may have questions and concerns in anticipation of entering a new school. To assist in answering some of them and to help ease your transition into Falk, the PTA has put together the enclosed packet that includes important information about the school’s philosophy, operational concerns and daily procedures, as well as some other information regarding the PTA, its functions and events.

We have planned a New Parents’ Coffee for Wednesday evening, September 22nd, in conjunction with the Special Subjects Curriculum Meeting, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Falk School Cafeteria/Auditorium. This is an opportunity to hear from the Humanities/Special Subjects faculty about their work with our children, as well as to meet other new Falk families and school and PTA representatives. Please join us for this informative and fun evening.

There are also a number of other meetings early in the year that provide valuable information, including the following:

- Thursday, September 23rd – Middle School (Grades 6,7,8) Curriculum Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm
- Wednesday, September 29th – Primary (Grades K,1,2) Curriculum Meeting 5:00-6:00 pm
- Thursday, September 30th – Intermediate (Grades 3,4,5) Curriculum Meeting 6:00-7:00 pm
- Thursday, October 14th – First General PTA Meeting, 7:30 pm

The Falk School PTA is a very active organization made up of committed parents and teachers who welcome all and work to encourage new members to participate in established activities as well as contribute new ideas. There are many ways to become involved. In addition to attending the General PTA meetings throughout the year, you may want to consider a position on the PTA Executive Committee which meets monthly and votes on important issues. You may choose to become a room parent or library volunteer for your child’s classroom, or to help with one or more of the PTA-sponsored events that occur throughout the year.

FalkTalk, the PTA newsletter, is produced bi-monthly and is an important way to keep you informed of school and PTA events. Additionally, the Falk School Handbook and the Directory, which is published early in the school year, contain detailed information and contacts that you will want to become familiar with.

If you have any questions or concerns, Annette Chiang, New Family Representative for the 2004-05 school year, is available to ensure a smooth transition to our school. Please feel free to contact Annette at (412)422-9944 or annettechiang@netscape.net, or me at (412)661-4856 or ljayne@verizon.net.

I look forward to meeting you at the New Parents’ Coffee, and offer best wishes for the upcoming year!

Sincerely,

Laura Zaspel Lawson
President, 2004-05
Falk School PTA