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Hello to all New Falk Families:

Congratulations and welcome! By enrolling your child in Falk School, you’ve just entered into a very special community. The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) extends a warm greeting to you. As the school year approaches, you may feel great anticipation about entering a new school and undoubtedly you have some questions. To help ease this transition, the PTA has put together the enclosed document that contains vital information about the school’s philosophy, functions, and basic daily procedures.

We have also planned a New Family Welcome for Wednesday, September 10th, to coincide with the Special Subjects Curriculum Meeting, from 7:00-8:30p in the Falk School Cafeteria/Auditorium. This will be an opportunity to not only hear from the Humanities/Specials faculty about their work with our children, but to meet other new Falk families and to meet school and PTA representatives.

There will also be a number of other meetings early in the year that provide valuable information. The schedule for these meetings is as follows:

- September 3rd – Middle School (Grades 6,7,8) Curriculum Meeting, 6:00-8:00p
- September 4th – Intermediate (Grades 3,4, 5) Curriculum Meeting, 6:00-7:00p
- September 17th – Primary (Grades K,1,2) Curriculum Meeting – 5:00-6:00p
- October 9th – First General PTA Meeting, 7:30p – More Details to Follow

The Falk School PTA is a very active organization that welcomes all, and encourages new members to participate and contribute fresh ideas. There are many ways to become involved. Beyond attending the general PTA meetings throughout the year, you may want to consider a position on the PTA Executive Committee which meets & votes on critical issues monthly, 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. Page 6 lists most of these.

FalkTalk, the Falk PTA newsletter, is produced bi-monthly, and is one vehicle to keep you informed of school and PTA events. Additionally, the Falk School Handbook contains detailed information that you will want to become familiar with.

As a new family to the Falk community, you may have special concerns or questions. To ensure a smooth transition to Falk, if you have questions or concerns, please contact Annette Chiang, New Family Representative for the 2003-04 school year, at 412-422-9944, or, feel free to call or e-mail me (412-422-2613 or greenhousepk@msx.upmc.edu) or any other member of the PTA.

I look forward to meeting you at the New Family Welcome and offer best wishes for the upcoming year!

Sincerely,

Pam Greenhouse
President, 2003-04
Falk School PTA