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Dear Parents and Guardians,

My name is Michael Whiteley and I am truly honored to be your child's Math and Social Studies teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. I am beginning my twenty-second year of teaching for the Downingtown Area School District. I have primarily taught fifth grade at Brandywine Wallace and Springton Manor Elementary. I also taught fourth grade and fifth grade here at Uwchlan Hills. I have experience leading a variety of summer camps within the district, and I also served as elementary math curriculum leader for grades three to five a number of years ago.

I will certainly foster high expectations and classroom traditions that will include all learners. I know quite well the success and level of excellence that trademark Uwchlan Hills as a thriving vibrant school. I am so thrilled about teaching in this dedicated and wonderful learning community. I love teaching Math and I look to spread that math enthusiasm I have to all of my students.

Teaching primary, intermediate, and adolescent students has given me a wealth of experiences that I take with me each day into the classroom. In addition to being certified K-6, I also have a high school secondary certificate, and spent a brief time working with at-risk youth in Downingtown East High School. I have both a Master degree in Instructional Leadership, and a Principal Certification from Penn State University.

Although the start to this school year will look quite different, and we'll have on-line learning, I can absolutely assure you that my students and I will still get to know each other very well. We will definitely build that lasting rapport, and make the connections that are so instrumental in school success.

When I am not teaching I enjoy spending time with my wife Natalie, who is also a teacher, and our two active sons. Please know how much I am looking forward to getting to know you and your fifth grader. Together, we are going to have a great school year. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at [mwhiteley@dasd.org](mailto:mwhiteley@dasd.org). I'm so excited to begin my twenty-second year of teaching for the Downingtown Area School District with your child.

Respectfully yours,

Michael J. Whiteley

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