



MONARCH ACADEMY ANNAPOLIS

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Dear Monarch Annapolis Families,

I am delighted to be joining the Monarch Annapolis school community as your new principal. As I am getting to know more about the school, it is clear that great work has been done in the past two years to establish an amazing learning community and loving school family here at Monarch Annapolis. I am eager to get to know everyone and to get to work on behalf of our students and families.

My journey to becoming a principal has been a fun and somewhat unique one, with many awesome experiences along the way that have prepared me for this diverse, challenging, and exciting role. I began my teaching career in the classroom teaching fifth grade, then teaching sixth and eighth grade mathematics.

I loved every day of teaching, seeing students' eyes light up with wonder and excitement as they learned new knowledge and developed confidence as learners. My love of technology led me to work for the Discovery Channel as a Field Manager for the Discovery Educator Network, where I was responsible for training teachers how to use new and emerging technologies to engage students. I then transitioned to Montgomery County Public Schools, serving as an Instructional Specialist for the Chief Technology Officer supporting initiatives such as middle school reform.

Eventually, I returned home to Anne Arundel County Public Schools and moved into school administration. I served as the Assistant Principal at Millersville and Sunset elementary schools. In 2010, I became the principal of South Shore Elementary School and over the course of my four-year tenure led the school to International Baccalaureate Programme PYP authorization while also launching the ALPS gifted and talented program.

Next, I served as the principal of Bodkin Elementary School, where we implemented the Changemaker Program and Global Studies class, became a Wellness School of Distinction, and were recertified as a Green School. In the past year, I served as the principal of Manor View Elementary School, an Authorized IB PYP school. That reignited my passion for the Primary Years Programme structures and philosophy.

When the opportunity arose to apply for the principalship here at Monarch Academy, I couldn't resist! My passion for the Primary Years Programme and deep appreciation for the Monarch philosophies surrounding the school culture and student-centered approach drew me in. At my core, I absolutely love the teaching and learning process and I believe that schools have the powerful responsibility to collaborate with families to empower children to become knowledgeable, caring, and contributing members of their community. I believe that we not only



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help students develop strong foundational education skills, but we empower them to recognize the impact they can have on the world, both locally and afar.

I am eager to begin getting to know each of our students and our families! I will be setting up a Meet and Greet in the near future and I hope you will come out and say “Hello!” If I can ever be of assistance to your child or family, feel free to reach me at the school at (410) 934-1444 or via email at ramstutz@aacps.org.

Respectfully,

Ms. Amstutz
Principal

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