Francis Scott Key Elementary School PTA
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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2016-17 Key School year! We are delighted to start another year with the Key School family. For the new families we hope you find Key to be as special a place as we have. Many of us have found friendships, fun and great memories at Key -- and I am just talking about the adults!

Your children have the great fortune to be guided by some of the best and most nurturing teachers DC has to offer. Principal Landeryou has a hidden talent of finding the right teachers for the right classrooms – he is an expert at rearranging the chess pieces to create winning scenarios. He is lucky to be flanked by Assistant Principals Riley and Green -- want to know how your kids are adapting; those two know.

Key veterans will be tossing around terms like: sign-up-geniuses; mini-teacher features, sign-up dinners, morning drop-off, KEHP (pronounced KEEP), ASEP, Tree Amigos, Secret Shops, but pretty soon you will be in-the-know and tossing those terms around yourself. The key to the "Keydom" is to volunteer. If you can find the time to volunteer for one activity be it large or small you will enrich not only yourself but your children's school experience as well.

Watch this website; our Next Week@Key emailed newsletter (sign up at elizabethewise@gmail.com, put in subject line SUBSCRIBE); and your child's backpack for opportunities to give back. Selfishly we need you as our school is only as great as the sum of its participants; we promise you it will be as rewarding for you as it is for Key.

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