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Dear Scholars and Parents,

Welcome, Bienvenidos, Bienvenue! It is our pleasure to welcome you and your child to Frank C. Martin International K-8 Center for the 2023-2024 school year! We have a longstanding record of having been recognized as A+ from the Florida Department of Education for 21 consecutive years. Our accolades continue to grow and because of the efforts of our hardworking scholars, outstanding teachers, and dedicated family members our school received Silver STEAM Designation for the 2022-2023 school year. We are honored to have you as a member of the FCMI K-8 family and we are confident that together with you, we will continue our path of excellence. I am honored and humbled to serve as your Principal in our extraordinary school. I have enjoyed 23 years as an educator for MDCPS and thirteen years in Administration, serving the children of our South Region Office. Let's welcome with a warm applause the newest member of the Falcon's team, Mr. Don R. McKnight (MYP Assistant Principal). We are extremely blessed to have Mr. Robert D. Hoel (PYP Assistant Principal) serving our school for 14 consecutive years. The Falcons administrative team is committed to our students and families.

The constant commitment and enthusiasm of the administration and staff continue to sustain an environment where incredible learning and understanding take place. We are pleased that you have chosen Frank C. Martin International K-8 Center to be your child's educational institution, where building the whole child is our goal. By working together, we can continue to make Frank C. Martin International K-8 Center the exceptional school that it has proven to be.

The 2023-2024 school year is going to be a great school year. This year's school theme is "Raise the Bar, Lead the World" which incorporates attributes from the IB Learner Profile:

- Thinkers: as we listened to the request of the school community, we began to think of ways to increase our efforts with more afterschool activities and community service offerings.
- Reflective: we will continue to reflect on the safety of our school community and how can we better serve the whole student.
- School's grade, reminding us that educational excellence is our primary focus.
- Communicators, this year we must celebrate our wins, but communicate our scholars', parents', and school's needs.
- Knowledgeable, we must equip our scholars with the knowledge to be **FUTURE READY**.

Please know that your administrators, faculty, and staff are here to support you. Every family is a priority and if there is anything that we can do to assist you, do not hesitate to contact our dedicated team. We will continue to work hard to ensure that the academic, social, and emotional needs of our scholars are met. Please make sure that you update your contact information with our office staff. The Frank C. Martin International K-8 Center Parent/Student Handbook, in its entirety, will be available on the school's website at fcmartink8.net. Please enjoy our welcoming video for our FCMI K-8 family!

<https://youtu.be/Z2LwXlmyUPI>

You are encouraged to stay abreast of the school events. Please follow us on our social media platforms @fcminternationalk8. We would like to extend an invitation to you to attend all school programs, become an active participant in the PTSA and its programs, and become involved in continuing to make Frank C. Martin International K-8 Center one of the finest institutions in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Sincerely,

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