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Blue Jay Families,

We are so excited to announce that we have finally found two great additions to our Pennington staff family! Both of these new staff members were chosen after deep consideration of our students' needs and our "Pennington Way". We believe both staff members will support and strengthen our Pennington community in many positive ways.

Our first welcome goes to Mrs. Bengston, our new ESOL and Special Education teaching assistant. Mrs. Bengston is coming to us from Fauquier County Public Schools with her teaching license Pre-K-6 from Old Dominion University and her EL certification from Mary Washington University. In addition, Mrs. Bengston is also coming with a strong background in math, Spanish, and Special Education instruction. She will be joining Ms. Wilson and Mrs. Buckley to support our students receiving Special Education services and Mrs. Bengston will be joining Mrs. Shepard to provide instruction to our students receiving English Learner services. Mrs. Bengston was able to come in last week and meet with our Pennington staff to begin the transition. Her first official day will be Thursday, November 8.

Our second welcome goes out to Mrs. Correu, our new fifth grade math teacher. Mrs. Correu is coming to us from Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City ISD, in Texas, where she was teaching sixth grade math at Laura Ingalls Wilder Intermediate School. Mrs. Correu is bringing an extensive background of experiences with her as she and her family move into the area, following her husband's job transfer. These experiences include a degree in Early Childhood – 6th from The University of the Incarnate World with a minor in Reading and Special Education and many other certifications in differentiated instruction. We are excited to welcome Mrs. Correu on board for her first day on November 26.

While we wait for Mrs. Correu and her family to move to the area, Mrs. Robinson-Smith will provide math instruction to our fifth grade students, with the support and guidance of her teammates, Mrs. Weimer and Mr. Chancler. We are confident our students will continue to grow on the path Mr. Lowry put into action during the first quarter.

Thank you for all of your support in this transition and for welcoming Mrs. Bengston and Mrs. Correu as our newest Pennington Blue Jays!

Sincerely,

Amanda McCulla
Principal – Pennington Traditional