

Dear Families,

We have exciting news to share with you all! Office Depot has an awesome back-to-school program called Start Proud!. Start Proud! is a community investment program that benefits students, teachers and parents of select public schools in select U.S. school districts.

This school year, Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools was selected, and Joseph W. Grier has been selected as the 2019 Start Proud! school! It is a thrill and an honor for Joseph W. Grier to be selected as 1 of 18 beneficiary schools of Office Depot.

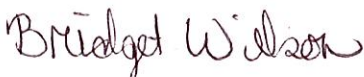
As a Start Proud! school, each and every student at Joseph W. Grier will receive a high-quality backpack filled with common elementary school student supplies. These supplies include: a Matching Pencil Pouch, Wired Notebook, Composition Workbook, #2 Pencils, Ballpoint Pens, Yellow Highlighters, Eraser Caps, Crayons, Pourable Glue, Wood Ruler and Index Cards. The backpack filled with supplies for each child will also include a \$20 gift card; parents/guardians, you may shop for additional school supplies throughout the year, in-store or online at Office Depot!

Students will receive their backpacks on the first day of the school year on Monday, August 26, 2019 at the Start Proud! Celebratory Assembly. Office Depot will host a special and vibrant assembly at our school for our scholars, teachers and staff. The assembly will include warm welcomes, encouraging speeches and distribution of the backpacks. As Joseph W. Grier is a Start Proud! school and Office Depot will be supplying all students with backpacks and supplies, please do not purchase a backpack or these listed supplies!

Office Depot will be starting our students' school year prepared, confident and proud. We could not be more thankful for their partnership and look forward to welcoming your child(ren) back for the 2019-2020 school year with Start Proud!.

Enjoy the summer break!

Sincerely,



Bridget Wilson

Principal