



Central Park East I Elementary School

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Dear Families,

Last weekend, Phyllicia accepted an offer to work near her home. We wished her success in her new school, and then our hiring committee got to work.

After interviewing multiple candidates from other schools, the committee turned to someone we know and trust. I'm glad to welcome **Aishah Abdullah-Yishrael**, one more time, to CPE1.

Aishah taught at CPE1 for more than a decade. She is still in graduate school. She will use her CPE1 classroom for her required field work and will take classes at night. She has agreed to balance graduate school with the demands of being a fulltime CPE teacher – planning curricula, communicating with families, organizing a classroom full of materials.

Our hiring committee reached out to Aishah because she brings experience and continuity. Continuity is why we want to reunite Aishah with children she already taught. At the end of last year, Aishah had come back to the 2/3s to cover a long-term leave. Many children from that class are coming back to the same room. Aishah will go back to that classroom as well. Grace will shift across the hall to take over Phyllicia's old room. So, if your child's teacher last week was Grace, your child's teacher now will be Aishah; if your child's teacher last week was Phyllicia, the teacher now will be Grace.

Tomorrow, we will send you CPE1's yearlong calendar of events, and our updated family handbook. Watch for another letter then, too.

Gabriel