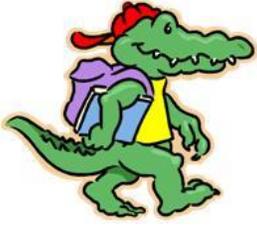


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**W.B. Goodwin Elementary
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Dear Goodwin Family

We sincerely hope that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy! These are challenging times and together we will make it through. Thank you for staying engaged, united, proactive and positive, as we work together in making Goodwin Elementary all that it can be. You are the reason our beloved school has and will continue to thrive.

At this time, when so much feels uncertain, you can help by continuing to keep the door of communication open, ensure information in Powerschool is updated and correct (phone number, email address, home address) and having a growth mindset (remaining positive).

Let the learning begin!!! As the leader of Goodwin, I am thrilled about the start of the school year! We will embrace the challenges together, modifying and adjusting where we need to while ensuring the safety of ALL is our number one priority.

We have new staff joining our team at Goodwin this year and we welcome the new family members as we continue to strengthen our staff on the bus of change! We know that your **support** and **caring** attitude will help them further the students' educational gains. This year, despite the many changes, we will implore more of a team approach on grade levels; the entire team may at some point teach students.

We continue our journey of fulfilling Goodwin's mission of working in partnership with students, families, and the community, to prepare all students to be high achievers and responsible, caring citizens by providing a nurturing environment that promotes self-esteem, respect for others and a passion for learning. As the old African Proverb states, "It takes a village to raise a child." WE will not be able to do this without YOU.

As we prepare to welcome OUR students to a WONDERFUL and EXCITING school year, we ask that you keep the following dates in mind:

- **August 31-September 4:** Learn, Evaluate, Analyze, and Prepare (LEAP)- This week is designed to have an opportunity to meet the teacher, begin assessing our scholars, and technology deployment if starting virtually.
- **September 8:** 1st day of school for K-5 (in-person and virtual)
- **September 8 and 9:** Early Release Days at 12:25pm

As we enter the new year, there are a couple of changes I wanted to make you aware of:

- **You will need to wear a mask (parents and students) while on campus.**
- Parents will not be allowed pass the front office effective September 8.
- Once students arrive to school, they will grab their breakfast and report directly to the classroom.

Together, WE can and WE will do what's best for our scholars!

Educationally yours,

Natasha Jones

Ms. Natasha Jones, Principal

