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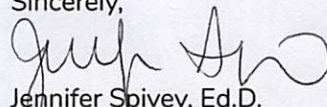
Dear Highland Elementary School Parents and Community,

As principal of Highland Elementary School, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone back for the 2019-2020 school year. Faculty and staff are excited to see new and returning students. Highland Elementary School's theme this year is: **Do what is right--not what is easy.** We will continue to implement our Dual Language, PBIS/Character Education and global learning initiatives. We are also excited to launch a STEM lab and RAZ Plus for all students in Grades K-5 this year. STEM encourages creativity and problem solving. Students will have opportunities to learn about science, technology, engineering, and math. Reading A-Z Plus allows students to access books 24-7 at school and at home on tablets or mobile devices.

I want to remind you of a few safety topics as we start another great year. If your child is a car rider please make sure you enter our campus on Highland School Road and exit by turning right only onto Buffalo Lake Road. Turning left is not prohibited and delays traffic. We respectfully ask parents to turn right and turn around at Food Lion if you need to go the opposite direction. You must have a car rider tag in order for us to release your child to you in the afternoons. If you do not have a school issued car rider tag, we will ask you to walk in and formally sign out your child by showing identification. This is for the safety and security of all children. Please only drop off students at designated spots (where an adult is standing by a colored cone). Please anticipate high volumes of traffic in the car rider line the first week of school. If your child rides the bus please remember that all K-2 students must have an adult ready and visible at the bus stop in order to be dropped off. Please allow 10 minutes of fluctuation for pick up and drop off times. Download the Here Comes the Bus app for live arrival times. You must sign in the front office before entering our hallways/building with a valid ID. The first week of school we will allow parents to walk students to class with a visitor tag. After the Labor Day Holiday we will not allow parents to walk students to class. We want to teach our students independence. We also have trained staff on duty in each hallway and outside by the huts to ensure student safety. Finally, we cannot accept any transportation changes over the phone.

Thank you for your partnership this school year. Together, we are reaching new heights!

Sincerely,



Jennifer Spivey, Ed.D.
Principal

HES School Mission: At Highland Elementary School we believe in all children. We exist to inspire and prepare students to make a positive impact on their families, communities, and world.
#hesworldchangers

Important Upcoming Dates:

Aug. 26- First Day of School; Day I Kindergarten Staggered Entry

Aug. 27-Day II Kindergarten Staggered Entry

Sept. 2- Labor Day Holiday

Sept. 27- Early Release Day