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Collaborating, Achieving, Succeeding **September 2018**

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parent Involvement at the Eagle's Nest



Ron Webb

Hello to the greatest parents in the land. I want to thank you for your continuing support of Gibbes Middle School and the education of your children and our precious students. As a reminder, supervision of students begin at approximately 8:00 am and breakfast is served in the cafeteria at this time as well. Make sure you notify staff of anything you feel may lead to a disruption of school or put our precious students in harms way. We want to make sure we are taking

care of them on both ends at home and school. I truly still believe it takes the village to help our students reach their full potential. Make sure you are communicating with your child's teachers in reference to academics and behaviors as well. As always, my door is open to you for any assistance I can give you along with the rest of my staff. Thanks for your support!

"Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students and enthusiastic parents with high expectations."

Bob Beauprez

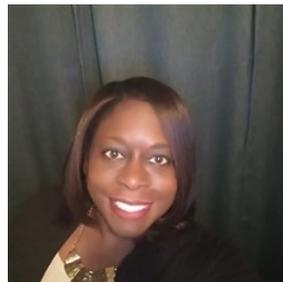


Dates to Remember

- **September 25**—Open House/Title One Meeting 5:00-7:00pm
- **October 2**—Q1 Interims
- **October 12**—Student Holiday/Teacher Workday
- **October 31**—Q1 Report Cards



Kim Brown
Assistant Principal



LaShawnte Sarvis
Assistant Principal



Deon Jackson
Assistant Administrator



Soaring Towards Excellence

EFFECTIVE HOME ENVIRONMENT FOR SUCCESSFUL CHILDREN

Work Habits of Children and Parents --Children from homes with routines, structure, clear and simple expectations and shared responsibilities do better in school.

Academic Guidance and Support --Children need someone at home who will offer them encouragement in their schoolwork, be responsive to their needs and frustrations, understand their strength and limitations, and be aware of what they are studying and how they are doing.

Stimulation to Explore and Discuss Ideas and Events -- Children need someone who provides them opportunities to know about events in the world through print materials at home, trips to libraries, discussions about current events, managed screen time, and participation in family hobbies and activities.

Language Development at Home --Children need opportunities to see and hear adults use good oral and written language in the home, to hear and see role models of effective relationship building, problem solving, and team work.

Academic Aspirations and Expectations -- A child needs an adult at home who will set high but realistic standards for the child's school efforts and encourage the child to aspire to the highest levels of education.

Lovable, Valued, and Able --Children need adults who truly love them, think they are special and unique, and who help them know that they are capable of achievement and success.



Parents, please remind your children of the following:

- Bring DLEs daily fully charged to use daily in each class.
- Dress appropriately each day. The dress code policy is enforced.
- Report bullying to a teacher, administrator, or counselor.
- Turn in class assignments on time.
- Turn in documentation for absences the first day back.

Richland One Announces Hurricane Florence Makeup Days

At its September 25 meeting, the Richland One Board of School Commissioners approved the following makeup days:

October 12
December 21
March 8

Each makeup day will be a half day for students and a full day for staff. The Board also approved a request from the district's administrative team to waive the fourth missed day.