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A Message from the Principal

Pendergrass Fairwold School serves students from ages 3 - 21 with moderate to severe intellectual disabilities, who require a structured educational environment. The goal of this environment is to help them maximize physical mobility, self-help skills, life skills, and consequently, facilitate their adjustment to community living. We also provide services for students aged 18 to 21 who require significant supportive programming to transition from school to work or from school to independent living.

During the 2016-2017 school year, literacy will be a major focus for Pendergrass-Fairwold School and Richland School District One. The focus will be on strategies to facilitate communication and literacy school-wide. We are excited about creating a school atmosphere that fosters communication strategies (i.e., verbalizations, gestures, signs, augmentative devices) for students to convey functional wants, needs and ideas across settings.

As we strive to ensure all students function as independently as possible, we have developed a framework and are currently working on a formalized plan for our TAILS Academy (Teaching Adults Independent Life Skills). The TAILS Academy consists of two components: Community-Based Instruction (CBI) and Campus-Based Skills Training (CBST) with student-specific goals in careers, independent living and self-advocacy. In CBI, all objectives and activities selected for instruction in the community are coordinated with classroom instruction. This allows for skills to be taught simultaneously, both in the classroom and the community, thereby giving multiple opportunities for practicing and generalizing functional skills. CBST is for students who still require additional support to gain the skills necessary for appropriate functioning in environments outside of their school. We hope to gain new off-campus job training sites for our students this year.

We are very excited about his school year, we are very proud of our school, and we hope that you will come see us in action!

Mrs. Faythe K Redenburg
Principal

Upcoming Events and Activities

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! Please participate in the Fall 2016 Parent Satisfaction Survey!

The district is conducting a parent survey to gauge levels of satisfaction with the services in Richland One School District. Your input is crucial!

Hard copies of the survey will be made available in the school office OR you can visit the following website to complete the survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Richland1_Parent

Our goal is to get the participation of all of our parents and guardians. We ask that you please complete the survey no later than October 24th so that your responses can be included.
Ms. Racherie Williams, Mrs. Daisy Sainyo, Ms. Judy Jackson, and I are eager to make this school year one to remember for you and your students. Collectively we have nearly 30 years of teaching experience and will use our individual experiences to work as a team to help your young adult to reach his / her greatest potential. To do this, we request your input to make this an all-around rewarding experience.

This year we are focusing on literacy. Remember that it is important to read to your young adult at least 30 minutes each night and to discuss what you have read. Audiobooks are also an option that will continue to massage the thoughts and thinking of your young adult.

As a part of keeping you involved, we will be sending information about upcoming events and activities related to your young adult, the classroom, and the school. We hope that you can and will take an active role in your young adult’s education by taking part and encouraging him/her to participate.

You can easily reach me via e-mail at david.keisler@richlandone.org. We look forward to making this a GREAT school year!!!

Mr. David Keisler
Teacher

Hello 2016 – 2017
Students, Parents, and Caregivers!!!

Our team, Ms. Melissa Moultrie, Ms. Tracey Caroline, and I have a very strong passion for teaching. It's a very unique profession; every day begins with a new challenge and ends with job satisfaction. We all believe that every individual in this world comes with lots of innate potentials; it is our duty, as teachers, to identify and draw out those potentials to make that individual a successful person in his or her life.

We each give our best to our students and make sure they are safe and secured all the time. All are welcome to Ms. Khan’s class. We will be glad to have you.

Mrs. Asiya Khan
Teacher
We’re Excited about Starting  
2016 – 2017 off with a big BLAST!!!

Welcome back to Pendergrass Fairwold! Mrs. Joann Brown, Mr. Claude Reid, and I are so excited to be working with an amazing group of 3 and 4 year olds this year. We look forward to exploring a variety of units and lessons to help us learn more about our world.

We encourage your interaction and assistance with making this the best school year ever!!! Notices will be sent home regarding upcoming events and activities. We hope that you will be able to participate and will help up to make the learning experiences memorable for your student.

Mrs. Karina McCollam
Teacher

Welcome back to the 2016 – 2017 school year!!! We are off to a terrific start this school year.

It is a delight to become acquainted with parents and their student. Every student is excited about learning and they are willing to cooperate with the activities we present.

This is my sixth year at Fairwold. I have enjoyed every minute getting to know the students and staff.

Mr. Emily (front) joins our class this year as an Instructional Assistant. He loves music and is terrific with all kinds of art projects.

Mrs. Sims (far right) is joining the team this year and will provide support and encouragement for all of the students.

Mrs. Butler (far left) is with our class as an Instructional Assistant. Mrs. Butler loves crafts and will help us expand our imagination for future projects.

We all look forward to working with parents to help make this the best school year ever.

Ms. Gwen D. Reed
Teacher
What a GREAT start to the 2016 – 2017 School Year!!!

Welcome, the 2016-17 school year has had a great start. We are looking forward to new and exciting things. Learning is underway and we are enjoying it! Flocabulary, Epic library and Choose It Maker are a few of the new software we will be using.

We have new staff and students to this year and we welcome them. Please stay tune for events and upcoming activities here at Fairwold.

Mrs. Wendy Neal
Teacher

HIP! HIP! HURRAY!
Every day is a GREAT day!!!

Welcome Back Fairwold students! Over the past few weeks we have introduced a new academic program where teachers teach one subject area. Our students have responded to a different teacher coming in to teach Math every day. The students have responded well to the change and participate well with this change in their routine.

We would like to thank all parents and caretakers for your cooperation in always sending book bags back and forth every day with important forms and memos that have been read and signed in a prompt manner. A very big thank you is extended for always sending the extra materials and personal items that are needed on a daily basis. We could not do our job without all of your efforts and care. We really appreciate each and every one of you.

In addition to general subject areas, students are also receiving Art and Music instruction. In Art, the students are experimenting with different techniques of using string combined with paint to create unique designs in abstract art. In Music, they are identifying the range in sounds that musical instruments can make.

We are excited about this school year and look forward to your continued support in making this the best year ever!!!

Mr. Ronald Kessler
Teacher

Ms. Teresa Adams, Mrs. Wendy Neal, Mr. Ryan Glover, and Mr. Kevin Hampton

Mr. Cedrick Snider, Mr. Ronald Kessler, and Mr. Tracy Franklin
We are off to a great start for the 2016-2017 school year!

We are so excited about our educational and strategic plans for this year! Our focus will be on increasing Literacy Skills, Daily Living and Life Skills and Vocational/Job skills to help prepare students to transition from a school setting to a work place setting. We are looking forward to a great year!

Mrs. Susan Kennedy
Teacher

Welcome back students and Mrs. Pazderski!!!

Mrs. Pazderski has returned to Pendergrass Fairwold and has been placed in the class that was previously taught by Mr. Bottu. During Mr. Bottu’s absence, other teachers have been sharing the task of teaching those students and ensuring that they continued, without interruption, their educational experience. Much thanks is extended to the Instructional Assistants, Ms. Lakisha Dunn and Mrs. Tomika Felder, for all that they have done to create balance for the students.

Mrs. Constance Pazderski, Ms. Lakisha Dunn, and Mrs. Tomika Felder (seated)
Welcome to the Counseling Corner!

I am excited to begin my fourth year as the school counselor! I've enjoyed getting to know your children over the past several weeks. Each week I will teach lessons focused on character traits, appropriate decision making and respecting self and others. Over the next few weeks, I will be contacting parents of all 8th grade through transition students to schedule Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) meetings to map out your child’s high school through post-secondary plans. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

I look forward to working closely with the students and their caregivers to make this a WONDERFUL 2016 – 2017 school year.

Mrs. Cyntrell Legette
Guidance Counselor

Welcome to Speech and Language

Hello and welcome back to the 2016-17 school year! I am excited to begin a new school year and hope that your family is excited too. This year at Pendergrass-Fairwold School, we are focusing on and using strategies to facilitate communication and literacy school-wide. We want to enhance your son’s/daughter’s speech/language opportunities in all educational activities. Speech-language services will be inclusive and pushed into your son’s/daughter’s daily educational curriculum. Though this is a school-wide initiative, services will continue to be offered based on individual needs.

I am a firm believer in home-school communication. Throughout the year, I will be sending home activities for your child to practice his/her speech and language skills. Also, for students who enjoy working on the IPAD, we will be utilizing an app called Choose It: Maker 3. This app allows your child to practice therapy activities at home! More information will be coming soon!

I am looking forward to working with your child and thanks for all you do!

Ms. Brittany N. Brown M.A., CCC-SLP
Speech and Language Therapist
Welcome to the Library!

I want to welcome you to the Library at Pendergrass-Fairwold. My name is Bill Fort and this is my fourth year as the School Librarian. I am here to collaborate with the teachers in their lessons, and more importantly, to assist your child in their academic pursuits and to foster a love of reading on all levels. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me in the Library.

Thank you and have a great year!

Mr. Bill Fort
School Librarian

Promoting Healthy Living and Learning for 2016 – 2017!

Welcome back to school! I am so thankful to see so many returning students as well as so many new faces. Please continue to complete any paperwork that is sent home with your student and return it as soon as possible. If your child needs any medication at school, remember that it needs to be brought in by an adult. Remember to keep you and your child up to date on immunizations in order to stay healthy. If you have any concerns regarding your child’s vision, please contact me at 803-691-1977.

Nurse Kendra Stock

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