



August 3, 2015

WELCOME, to the 2015-2016 school year! I trust you all had a wonderful summer. For many of us, we are returning to continue our educational journey and to some of us, it is a new beginning.

A new school year brings some anxiety, an excitement to face new challenges, a curiosity for new learning, and the anticipation of connecting with old and new friends. We have new teachers joining the Harelson staff. Please welcome Kathryn Linaman in 4th grade, Dawn Parker in 3rd grade, Martha Phinney in Art, Laura Tanem in REACH, and Cyndie McCarthy in Speech. These teachers bring experience and a passion for working with kids. Also, this year we begin our year with two student teachers, Tanya Daenas and Andrea Goss.

I have a few reminders that will help us get started. The gates will open at 8:00am for students to go to the playground and locked at 8:20 am. They will be unlocked 5 minutes before dismissal. Parent pick-up and drop-off and bus drop-off and loading will remain the same. The only way to get anywhere on campus, during the school day, will be through the office. Remember, you must sign in if going on the campus for any reason during school hours. The staff will be providing more coverage around the campus to better ensure the safety of our students. Students will be expected to go directly to the playground once they have dropped of their backpacks at the classroom. At the end of the day, you are welcome to visit at the blue table and the forever green. However, students will be asked to go to the playground to play soccer or throw the ball.

We are in desperate need of three campus monitors from 11:10am-12:40pm Monday through Friday. Please contact Jill in the Harelson office if you are interested, 696-6025.

The following events are coming up before school starts on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

- July 31st, 3:30pm - Class lists were posted and will remain posted until Thursday
- August 5th, 9am and 10:30am - Kindergarten Orientation
- August 5th, 2:30-3:30 - "Bobcat Beginnings" - This is an opportunity to meet the teacher, bring supplies, and see the classroom

Please know that I am committed to supporting the staff, parents and students her at Harelson. My door is always open so please feel free to stop by. I am looking forward to a great year!

Enjoy your last few days. I am anxious for school to start and see all of you on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

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Principal

