



Dear Parents,

It is my absolute pleasure to welcome you to Jere Baxter Middle Prep. It is our goal to be the highest performing school in the Metro Nashville Public Schools. During the 2014-2015 school year we achieved all 5's on a 1-5 rating scale for growth. We are not done yet! We will continue to strive for excellence in reading, math, and science.

We have hired the best and brightest teachers to ensure that every child receives a rigorous education while attending Baxter. I can assure you that these teachers are more than ready to work with you by providing you feedback that is consistent, reliable, and predictable of your student's growth. We are ensuring that the students of Jere Baxter are not only able to attend a college of their choice after high school, but have the skills need to be successful in careers.

We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from home, community, and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience
- 2) Completes all homework assignments given by teachers
- 3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- 4) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- 5) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject
- 6) Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school and go on to college

Please consider joining our school volunteer program as our students can greatly benefit from your involvement and contributions to the school's program and its operations. We seek volunteers to help us with the following activities:

- 1) Reading with children who need extra help
- 2) School-wide events
- 3) Student recognition events
- 4) Outreach and recruitment of parent and community volunteers

We are a Community Achieves School. We are offering resources for you as a parent including classes for career readiness, family engagement opportunities, clothing and food assistance, computer access, and more. Ms. Angelica Brooks-James is our coordinator. Please call or email her with any questions for future events or assistance angelica.brooks-james@mnps.org (615) 262-6710 ext. 197.

We are a restorative school and use restorative practices for discipline. If you have any questions about the procedures and expectations, please feel free to contact me or your child's teacher via email or call, (615) 262-6710. The parent handbook is on-line, please visit our website for a copy of the handbook.

The Jere Baxter staff and I feel privileged to be a part of this school family. We thank you for your support and look forward to meeting you. You can contact me at via email at miriam.harrington@mnps.org or call (615) 262-6710 ext. 224 or (615) 828-6324.

Sincerely,


Miriam Harrington, Ed. S

