Greetings Anderson-Livsey Elementary School Community!

I am honored to be your principal and pleased to welcome you back to school for the 2023-2024 school year! It is truly a privilege to be part of a learning community where all staff members strive to build positive relationships to support our students’ academic and social-emotional needs.

Our theme this year is “Building Bridges from Empathy to Excellence!” We will do this at Anderson-Livsey Elementary School (ALES) by working collaboratively with you to provide rich learning environments that foster independent thinkers and promote a school culture of safety and respect.

The dedicated staff at ALES has been working tirelessly to fine-tune our instructional models, engage in professional learning opportunities, and update class routines and expectations, all with the goal of fostering academic success for ALL students. Our teachers are eager to meet their new students and begin this year’s journey with them. Our primary goal is to ensure student proficiency and excellence in core academic subjects, so we will continue to:

1. Refine Tier I instruction,
2. Analyze data,
3. Conduct observations,
4. Provide counseling as appropriate,
5. Implement Tier II and Tier III programs and learning strategies, as needed, and
6. Review classwork to guide instruction and intervention.

Additionally, we will continue our focus to integrate into our students’ daily school experience Social Emotional Learning (SEL), Responsive and Restorative Practices, and Classroom community-building techniques and strategies. We will continue to work together to create a solid foundation, so our students become self-directed learners, collaborative teammates, critical thinkers, and responsible citizens.

All children love learning in an environment that is positive, safe, and caring, as well as a fun place to learn and grow. By adhering to the three PBIS Rs - Respect, Responsibility and Resiliency - our dedication to creating a diverse and equitable learning environment will undoubtedly help our students thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Beginning of the Year Important Information:

**Open House** is July 31st, from 8:00am-12:00pm, and 1:00pm-3:00pm. This is a great time to meet your child’s teacher and receive important information regarding the school year, like transportation, school lunch, and teacher contact information.

**First Day of School** is August 2nd. Please have your child arrive on time for their first day (and every day)! Attendance is crucial for the progress of your child.

**School hours** are from 8:10am-2:45pm. Students are considered late after 8:10am. For your continued convenience, the car rider lane opens at 7:00am.

**Breakfast** is served from 7:30am to 8:00am.

**For the safety of our students**, sandals, flips-flops, crocs, or any shoes that **cannot be tightly secured** on your child’s feet, are not allowed.
New Faces!

We want to welcome our new teachers, maintenance workers, and support staff to the ALES family!

Additionally, please join me in welcoming our new Assistant Principal, Seumeika Blake-Carter! She is a highly skilled individual who brings, not only her love for this community but, her experience as an educator and a coach. Ms. Blake-Carter will continue to take Anderson-Livsey to the next level! We are fortunate to have her on our team!

Also new this year is our Administrative Assistant to the Principal, Ms. Jennifer McCarty, and our Registrar, Ms. Gisella Perez! They both are committed to providing our parents with excellent customer service!

In closing, I look forward to the start of the new school year and to continuing our collaboration on providing your children with an engaging and a successful educational experience. The ALES staff has always made it a priority to work together as a caring and compassionate learning community of professionalism, teamwork, action, and expertise, and as always, we look to our families to be positive partners in this year’s educational journey.

We always put the best interests of our students at the center of all we do. Stay healthy, stay positive, and stay connected, and as always, my door is open, and our team welcomes your input. Please feel free to contact me via email at the address below or call to make an appointment to speak with me to discuss any ideas you feel will make this the best year yet!

At your service,

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