

Fred Armon Toomer Elementary School

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Dear Toomer Family,

Welcome back for our third year as the “new and improved” Fred Armon Toomer Elementary (FATE) School! The staff is thrilled that you have entrusted your child’s education to us. This year’s theme is “FATE: Atlanta’s Magic Kingdom,” and the administrative team’s focus is on, “Helping Teachers to Create Magic in the Classroom.” Via professional development, data analysis, effective planning, collaboration, prevention-oriented practices, shared best practices, progress monitoring, and student engagement, we will all improve upon our practices....as well as improve outcomes for all of our **AMAZING** kids!

This year we have several new additions to our Toomer Faculty/Staff Family, they are as follows (as of 8/4/14): **Holly Barbour** – Adaptive Art; **Susan Brantley** – Pre-K Assistant; **Alice Damien** – Fifth Grade Teacher; **Vanessa Fanning** – Orchestra; **Cassell Gray** – General Music Teacher; **Emerson Jones** – Social Worker; **Kate Jones** – Fourth Grade Teacher; **Mia Montgomery** – Art Teacher; **Emily Munro**, Second Grade Teacher; **Stephanie Robinson** – Third Grade Teacher; **Rhonda Seacrease-Green** – Speech Pathologist; **Ashley Vierra** – IRR Teacher; and **Rakenya Wooden** – Pre-K Assistant.

Of course, as the first teacher in your child’s life, we need and welcome your support and cooperation. Along with your assistance, I am committed to reviewing our current practices and developing new procedures, in an effort to foster an optimal teaching and learning environment for all. Additionally, we encourage you to become active in our Parent Teacher Association (PTA), which you will hear more from and about in the coming days. The PTA is a wonderful way for you to share ideas and support the mission of the school. Another way to get involved includes volunteering to help tutor students, chaperoning field trips, organizing classroom celebrations, and offering to share your area of expertise to the classes/school, etcetera.

The Atlanta Public Schools 2014-2015 Student Handbook with Student Behavior Code will be distributed. This handbook is also available online at www.atlantapublicschools.us/page/723. FATE’s 2014-2015 Family Handbooks will be distributed and available online at www.atlanta.k12.ga.us/toomer. Please read them carefully, as the content will address many of your concerns/issues that may arise. As always, I am available via email at nicjones@atlanta.k12.ga.us and phone 404-802-3450. I look forward to another wonderful and AMAZING school year!

Carpe Diem,

Nicole Evans Jones, Ed. D.
Principal