

It is with great excitement that I pen these words to introduce myself as your proud principal. Welcome to a year filled with innumerable, transformative, opportunities to educate HAES scholars through wellness, excellence, and life-learning.

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## SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

We will educate our scholars by **blazing well** as we excel daily in WELLNESS, EXCELLENCE, and LIFE-LEARNING.

My previous experiences will propel us to begin with the end in mind - **educating trail blazing scholars**. I have been honored to serve in the following capacities in the neighboring state of Alabama: teacher, school counselor, and assistant principal. After moving to Georgia, I served as an instructional facilitator/coach, school counselor, and assistant principal. My experiences are in both traditional and non-traditional schools of varying sizes, and it is now time for me to enter this season as the newest Trailblazer earnestly dedicated to blazing well.

The most relevant part of my resume for our Harper-Archer Elementary School Family is what we will create **together** - beginning now; therefore, I will share some things that are not on my resume, and I also look forward to meeting and **getting to know each of you**. Not only am I a genuinely zealous and hard working educator who believes in offering high quality learning experiences to all students through wellness, excellence, and life-learning, but I am a grateful wife and a mother of two beautiful, loving, and intelligent girls. I have an unwavering love for life and all that it offers (good, bad, and ugly), and I am grateful for daily connections with people and opportunities for growth. I enjoy school and learning. Although I like coffee and tea, I drink more coffee than tea, and I enjoy tasty food, reading, walking at sunset or sunrise, engaging in meaningful conversations, listening to music, watching sports, learning, and the arts.

As we continue in the daily service of providing a high-quality learning environment that ensures every scholar and educator within the HAES community is able to grow and excel, it is most important that we connect to discuss our plan to remain focused on our efforts to strengthen our school's core building blocks - Social and Emotional Learning, STEAM, 21st Century Education, and providing a Well-Rounded Education. I welcome you to **connect** with me 1:1 this summer so I can hear, see, and learn more about **your goals**, support needs, celebrations, and matters you find relevant to the success of our scholars, staff, and community as well as my transition to the phenomenal trailblazing home of the Harper-Elementary School.

In agreement with Amanda Goreman, we must be certain that there is always light, and I am confident that we are bold and brave enough to be it. I commend you for igniting the fire as you merged Towns and Fain into the trailblazing Harper-Archer Elementary School. Together, we will expand the flame of this ignited fire with unprecedented growth in the APS 5 (**Data, Curriculum & Instruction, Signature Programming (STEAM), and Personalized Learning**). Thank you for uniting with the unfaltering commitment to do what is best and absolutely necessary - blazing well as we **educate our scholars**.

Proud HAES Principal,  
*Crystal J. January, ED.D.*



I am dedicated to supporting you as we **BLAZE WELL** for HAES scholars by:

- continuing to take **BOLD** steps to create a high performing academic and arts-rich learning environment
- developing and maintaining a **LOVING** atmosphere of mutual respect and trust amongst our families and stakeholders
- holding each other **ACCOUNTABLE** for wellness, excellence, and life-learning as we strengthen and sustain a strong partnership with our school community
- thriving in our **ZEALOUS** data-driven, personalized learning practices that provide our scholars with a well-rounded education steeped in STEAM curriculum and whole child interventions
- developing **EMPATHETIC** leaders through a robust, trauma-resilient, social and emotional learning environment
- ensure a collective culture of **WELLNESS** (Intellectual, Relational, Vocational - Harvard University Center for Wellness & Health Promotion)
- foster a collective culture of **EXCELLENCE** (APS 5, APS Leader & Teacher Standards of Excellence)
- remain engaged in a collective culture of **LIFE-LEARNING** (Innovative, Content Experts)