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SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



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)

Greetings, Trailblazer Family!

Welcome back to a fantastic school year filled with innumerable opportunities for your scholar to blaze well! As your new principal, I am eager to meet you and your child, and most importantly, we are all excited to partner with you and provide the absolute best learning environment.

Your high-performing HAES educators will facilitate high-quality learning opportunities for our scholars by **blazing well** as they excel daily in WELLNESS, EXCELLENCE, and LIFE-LEARNING.

As a wife and mother of two children, with varied personal, educational, and professional experiences, I am committed to providing the best educational opportunities for your child, and our team will begin with the end in mind - **to become a high-achieving, supportive, thriving, and equitable community of college and career-ready scholars, expert educators, and engaged parents and partners.** 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. As we welcome you to this incredible school year, we also invite you to attend our HAES Open House, and the APS Back to School Bash where you will meet our staff and me.

Be confident that the returning staff, new staff, and every person working in Harper Archer Elementary School is committed to making sure we blaze well daily and lovingly as we prepare all scholars to blaze a path toward their college and career choices. 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 us 1:1, in person, via phone, Remind 101 App, Parent Portal, Class Dojo, and email regarding your amazingly brilliant child 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 Harper-Archer 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. Together, we will expand the flame of this ignited fire with unprecedented growth in the APS 5 (**Data, Curriculum & Instruction, Whole Child / Intervention, Signature Programming (STEAM), and Personalized Learning**). Thank you for partnering with us in this transformative masterpiece - your high-achieving, supportive, thriving, and equitable community of college and career-ready scholars, expert educators, and engaged parents and partners.

Proud HAES Principal,

Crystal J. January, ED.D.

