

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of Principal

Middle School

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Dear Prince Edward County Middle School Families,

It is my absolute honor and privilege to welcome you to the 2026-2027 school year at Prince Edward County Middle School. As we begin this new chapter together, I am filled with excitement and confidence about what we will accomplish as one school community. This year is about more than academic growth, it is about building a culture where every student is seen, heard, challenged, and empowered to succeed.

At Prince Edward County Middle School, we believe that excellence is not an accident; it is the result of intentional work, strong relationships, and unwavering commitment. We have high expectations for every Eagle because we know what our students are capable of achieving. Our expectations are clear: students should come to school every day, arrive prepared to learn, demonstrate respectful behavior, and give their best effort academically. We are committed to providing a safe, engaging, and supportive learning environment where every child has the opportunity to thrive.

One of our major priorities this year is increasing student voice. We want our students to know that their ideas matter. Whether through leadership opportunities, classroom discussions, student organizations, or schoolwide initiatives, we are creating meaningful spaces where students can contribute, lead, and help shape the culture of our school. When students feel valued and connected, they are more invested in their learning and in one another.

We are also excited to continue strengthening our community partnerships. Prince Edward County Middle School is fortunate to have organizations, businesses, and community leaders who believe in our students and invest in their success. These partnerships enrich learning experiences, expand opportunities, and remind our students that an entire community is cheering them on. Together, we are preparing young people not only for academic success but for leadership and lifelong achievement.

Families, your partnership is essential. Learning begins long before students walk through our doors each morning. Establishing consistent routines at home, such as ensuring students get

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adequate rest, arrive on time, complete assignments, and come prepared each day - provides the foundation for success at school. Your encouragement, expectations, and daily support make an incredible difference in your child's growth.

Communication will continue to be one of our greatest strengths. We encourage families to stay connected through parent-teacher conferences, phone calls, email, and PECPS Connect, our division's new communication platform. We also welcome you to contact our administrative team whenever you have questions, concerns, or ideas. Open, honest, and respectful communication allows us to respond quickly and work together in the best interest of every child.

The success of our students requires all of us. Families, educators, students, and community partners must work together with a shared purpose. Collaboration is not simply something we value; it is how we ensure every student receives the support and opportunities they deserve. We are committed to listening, problem-solving, celebrating successes, and addressing challenges together.

As we begin this school year, I ask every member of our Eagle family to lead with positivity, extend grace, and assume good intentions. We will hold one another accountable, and remain focused on what matters most, our students. Together, we will create a school where excellence is expected, relationships are valued, and every child has the opportunity to soar.

As we move forward, we will continue to embrace the message that unites our school community: "Legacy fuels us. Pride drives us. Excellence defines us." These words reflect who we are and who we are becoming. We honor the foundation built before us, take pride in the work we do today, and pursue excellence in every classroom.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children. I look forward to an extraordinary year of learning and growth, as we continue building a school community where every Eagle belongs and every Eagle can succeed.

With Eagle Pride,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shelly Clark-Reed". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "S" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Shelly Clark-Reed
Principal

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