



Hello VPE Family & Friends!

It is my pleasure to welcome everyone to VPE! We are all excited to have students back in our classrooms and hallways filling them with energy and enthusiasm for learning. It is our mission to help every child feel welcomed, connected, and a part of our Jaguar family. We strive to challenge each student to grow in his or her academic abilities as we build the foundation for them to be ready for the next level.

Our staff of highly qualified and dedicated professional educators and support personnel is committed to providing our students many opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom. We invite and encourage students and parents to work in partnership with us to seize opportunities in all facets of life our school life.

Our theme for this year will be ***“One School - One Team: Making a Difference.”*** One of our goals for this year is to build positive relationships among all stakeholders. As we strive for increased academic success for all students, we know that success is built on a climate and culture of respect, responsibility and collaboration between school and home. We look forward to a very positive and productive year together! We extend a special, yearlong invitation to our families to join us at school activities and events whenever possible. We want, need, and value your involvement and support in your child’s education! Your active participation is key to the success of our children.

It is our goal to work together to transform our learning environment in many positive ways. There are many factors that lead to a positive learning environment. Safety, discipline, and school unity are three of those factors. We believe that wearing school uniforms is one way to achieve all three of these goals. School uniforms create a more disciplined environment by reducing negative competition and arguments over dress styles. Additionally, school uniforms promote school unity by eliminating factors that can create economic and social divisions among individuals, such as clothing style and brands, thus allowing students to become more conscious of such shared goals as meeting academic standards, developing self-confidence, and understanding diversity. The positive learning environment to which wearing school uniforms contributes helps to create an environment in which student achievement is the highest priority. Again students are expected to wear blue or khaki bottoms with a white, blue, or yellow collared shirt. We would like to see 100% of students in uniform.

Again, we welcome you to VPE and to our wonderful learning community . . . a place alive with much *energy*, *enthusiasm*, and a *high standard of excellence*! It is, indeed, a place where opportunities abound! Here’s to an AWESOME new school year as we work together to make our school a great place to work and learn each day!

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The mission of Vance-Providence Elementary School is to provide a nurturing environment that fosters academic achievement, an excellent character, and a desire for life-long learning.