



CEDRIC C. SMITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Smith Families,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! I cannot express how honored I am to be the principal of Smith Elementary School. Our teachers, staff, and families are the most inspiring and hardworking people I have ever known, and I am looking forward to another successful year.

We have some changes to our leadership this year. Our former assistant principal, A.J. Pitts, is now the Language Arts Coordinator for all elementary schools in Magnolia. Although I am sad to see her go, she is so talented and will now have an influence on the entire district. With Ms. Pitts' move, we are excited to have Nicole Hoffman join our team as the new assistant principal. Mrs. Hoffman has many years of experience supporting students, and was most recently the Language Arts Instructional Specialist at Williams Elementary School.

I am so excited to announce that Smith Elementary has earned all six designation distinctions from the Texas Education Agency, which has never been done before in Magnolia ISD. Although these distinctions are based on attendance and STAAR performance, every person working with the students from Pre-K on up has greatly impacted their learning. I am so proud of the hard work of our staff, students, and families. Visit TEA's website for more information.

Speaking of families, we are continuing our family engagement initiative because we recognize that you are the most important factor in your child's success. Teachers have done some home visits, and we will continue our Academic Parent Teacher Team meetings. The meetings are whole group where families can learn about what is expected in that grade level, learn skills to do at home, and learn how their child is doing in relation to the class. We also teach about growth mindset and student motivation. I urge you to attend and get involved. Our wonderful PTO is always looking for more members.

This packet does not contain the enrollment forms. Those forms will now be completed online. Once the online form is completed, it may tell you to print out something and bring it to the school, but you can disregard that. You can access the forms by visiting the Smith or Magnolia ISD websites. We still ask that you complete the Student/Parent/Teacher Compact and return it to your child's homeroom teacher.

Finally, I want you to know that I am completely dedicated to this school and the success of our students. I am happy to visit with anyone who has a question or concern. We have the hardest working teachers I have ever known, and I am so grateful that I get to spend my days in such a positive and loving environment. We have high expectations, and we support our students and families to meet them. Every day we are working like lives depend on it, because they do!

Once again, welcome back to school. We are looking forward to another successful year!

Sincerely,

Dion Rivera
Principal