



Dear Maple Leaf Elementary families,

August 15, 2017

As your new Maple Leaf Elementary School principal, I want to welcome you to our building and the start of the 2017-2018 School Year. If you are returning to 'The Leaf,' then I greet you with a message of 'welcome back.' If this is your first experience with our school, please know that Maple Leaf Elementary School is similar to a family and we will do everything possible to ensure a smooth transition for you.

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At Maple Leaf, we believe that EVERYONE ACHIEVES. NO EXCEPTIONS. NO EXCUSES. Every student will achieve... no exceptions! While the instructors here are dedicated to compassion and developing lifelong learning skills for our students, our entire team believes that everyone is capable of learning... with no excuses! Please be prepared for a rigorous upcoming school year.

Reading and writing skills will be a distinct emphasis this school year. Instructors will have a sense of urgency and the building will be equipped with supplemental resources. We ask that you, as parents, spend time every night with your children reading at least twenty minutes. Your help truly goes a long way in impacting their academic success.

Please keep in mind that Open House is scheduled for August 30th, and we hope that you take advantage of this night to come and meet your child's teacher at 6:00pm. At Maple Leaf, we believe that communication will also be very critical in ensuring success this year.

There will be no cupcakes/ cake or birthday celebrations permitted in the classrooms this year. Teachers are busy teaching "Bell to Bell". So, please have your birthday celebrations at home. Your child will receive a pencil and a book on his/her birthday and we will wish him/her a Happy Birthday!

I'm proud to introduce our new Assistant Principal, Kali Strickland. She is a gift to us from the Cleveland Municipal School District. We will be working closely together to ensure that your child and or children achieves. Do not hesitate to call either of us if you have a question, comment or concern.

Together, let's make this an amazing school year!

Sincerely,



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