



## GEORGE COX ELEMENTARY

### August 2022 FAMILY NEWSLETTER

#### Our Mission

Our mission is to provide quality teaching and learning so that our students are prepared for middle school, high school, and college.

#### Our Vision

At George Cox Elementary students will be empowered to reach their greatest potential of becoming lifelong learners and purposeful citizens in a supportive and nurturing environment.

#### **Message from the Principal:**

*Welcome to the start of the 2022-2023 school year! Beginning August 8<sup>th</sup>, we open our doors with great expectations for our students, our faculty and staff, our families, and our community. We, at George Cox Elementary, have common goals of nurturing responsible, caring students and promoting high-level learning. I am inspired by the dedication and commitment of the parents, teachers, and entire staff of George Cox Elementary. Together, we will continue to work towards achieving greater academic excellence and success for all students. I look forward to another productive school year. Together, we will work to ensure that every student has an opportunity to excel academically. Our amazing teachers are already planning and preparing for their students' return. Our office and custodial staff have worked this summer to make necessary preparations for our students and families return. It remains an honor and privilege to serve as your principal. I eagerly look forward to greeting students and families again. Together, I know that we will make this school year a great one of continued growth and achievement for all our students.*

*Sincerely,*

*Principal Sheldon*

#### ***News from the Office:***

- Office Hours are from 7:00 AM until 2:30 PM. Our phone number is (504) 394-5890.
- Students may enter school at 7:15 AM for breakfast in the classroom. Instruction begins at 7:45 AM. **Students are tardy after 7:45 AM and parents MUST sign their child in at the office.** Students cannot be

checked out after 1:45 PM. Dismissal begins at 2:35 PM. Car rider students MUST be picked up no later than 2:50 PM.

- **Student Attendance:** It is extremely important that students attend school every day unless they are sick. If students are absent for more than 14 days in a school year, they will fail their current grade level.
- **School Uniforms:** Students in grades 1-5 wear a green uniform shirt and khaki pants, skirts, or skorts. Students in grades PreK and Kindergarten MUST wear a purple uniform shirt and khaki pants, skirts, or skorts. **Students WILL NOT be allowed to wear any sweaters, jackets, or coats with hoodies.**
- **Dress Down Fridays:** Students may dress down on Fridays for \$1.00. Dress down is a school fundraiser. **PreK and Kindergarten students MUST wear their purple uniform shirts on dress down days.** They may wear pants or skirts of their choice. **Students must dress school appropriately on dress down day** or parents will be called to bring their uniform to school for them to change into.

### *Upcoming School Events:*

- **August 8<sup>th</sup>** – First day for students in grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>.
- **August 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>** – First day for students in grades PreK and Kindergarten. Teachers will call to inform parents of the date that their child is scheduled to attend.
- **August 17<sup>th</sup>** – Student school pictures will be taken. Picture retakes are scheduled for September 6<sup>th</sup>.
- **August 24<sup>th</sup>** – Open House from 6 – 7:30 PM. Due to covid safety precautions, only parents and their student will be allowed to attend. Siblings and other family relatives will not be able to attend this school year.
- **September 5<sup>th</sup>** – Labor Day School Holiday