



MACK BENN, JR. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Mack Benn, Jr. Elementary Parents and Community,

We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer with friends and family! It is a privilege and an honor to be coming back for my second year as principal of Mack Benn, Jr. Elementary. We have missed having our students in the building and we are looking forward to a great school year! We're already off to a great start as preliminary state testing numbers for the 2018-2019 school year have us being **Accredited by the State!** We're not done yet! We want you to know that we are determined to be the best elementary school in Suffolk!

While we have a lot of excellent teachers and staff from last year returning, you will also see some new faces when you come to school! We are very excited about the new additions to the Mack Benn, Jr. family, which includes Ms. Candace Myrick, our new assistant principal. As we interviewed to fill positions this past summer, we put a focus on finding teachers and staff who have a passion for education and a strong desire to see the students of Mack Benn, Jr. Elementary become better students and better people.

This year, we will continue the work that was started with PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) and will continue to put an emphasis on building relationships and making student engagement and high quality instruction a priority. We will have Open House on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 6:00 PM. At this meeting, we will review preliminary SOL scores from the 2018-2019 school year and share with you our plan for continued growth for the 2019-2020 school year. You will also be introduced to teachers and staff and will get a chance to visit your child's classroom.

We look forward to partnering with you and with our staff to ensure your children are getting the best possible education!

The administrative team is here for you if you need anything or if you have any questions or concerns. You can always email us at garrickrhoads@spsk12.net, candacemyrick@spsk12.net, and melissazawodny@spsk12.net (Dean of Students). You are also welcome to schedule a time to meet with us by calling the front office at 757-934-6224.

We look forward to seeing you at our Orientations on Thursday, August 29, 2019.

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM - Early Start and Kindergarten

11:00 AM - 12:15 PM - First Grade through Fifth Grade

Sincerely,

Garrick Rhoads