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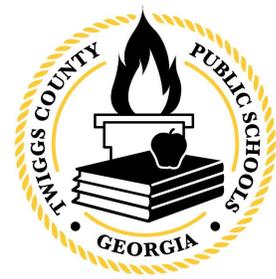
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Generating Excellence: One Team... One Goal

Wednesday, August 7, 2019

Dear Faculty & Staff,

Welcome to another sunny school year! I was proud of our first day of 2019-2020. Every class I visited was focused and filled with enthusiasm. Teachers and students alike brought their own ray of sun.

Determining our own weather is a Stephen Covey principle that became our compass two years ago – “Proactive people carry their own weather with them. Whether it rains or shines makes no difference to them.” Since then, we have experienced tremendous change and significant gains. Last year, we welcomed our CNA program and certified our first cohort of Nursing Assistants. Our track team exploded onto the field and experienced many wins and awards. Our girls basketball team advanced to the first round of the playoffs. Our Jr. BETA Club traveled to Oklahoma to compete in the National BETA Convention. We graduated 53 high school scholars who earned a record number of scholarships; graduated our first cohort of Reach Scholars and we launched our own TCPS studio and broadcast, TC Buzz. We are on the right path, and we are committed to maintaining our momentum.

Over the summer, I was introduced to a book entitled, Shifting the Monkey. Education is a fast paced field that demands constant movement and swift change. As a result, we often become saddled, carrying the weight of slackers who resist change. I am committed to shifting the monkey in Twiggs County and freeing our best employees from being overwhelmed by the weighted stagnation of others.

I am confident that every staff member and student can bring great value to this district that will result in a corporate victory and sunny forecast when we remain focused on the vision: “Every child. Every opportunity. Every time.” Throughout the year, our priorities will be amplified across the district:

- Effective communication and quality stakeholder service
- Educational Epiphany Curriculum
- Positive Behavioral Intervention & Supports (PBIS)
- Focus on the whole child
- Emphasis on mental health
- Quality instruction
- Response to Intervention
- Advanced STEAM with an upgraded Arts Curriculum
- Safety, security and school attendance, and
- Kindergarten readiness, and early literacy and numeracy

Once again, I am thankful to serve this amazing community alongside such a gifted and dedicated cadre of people who are passionate about the betterment of children. Keep in mind this anonymous quote, “When you can’t find the sunshine, be the sunshine.” – Anonymous

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools

The mission of Twiggs County Public Schools is to inspire, challenge and prepare all students to compete globally.

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