



# Central Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Families,

It is with great pride and excitement that I write this letter of introduction and welcome to you as your newly appointed Principal of Central Elementary. I am honored to have this opportunity to lead a school with such a rich tradition of education! I come to you with over twenty-five years in the field of education all right here in our hometown of Okeechobee. I have worked with students in grades K-12; as well as with many community stakeholders from our region, both local and state. At the district level I worked extensively with the Exceptional Student Education Office and the Grants and Special Programs Office. Fourteen of these years were spent right here at Central Elementary. Most recently, my administrative experience was at Seminole Elementary School where I served as Assistant Principal. I am excited and eager to work with you as a partner in education to ensure your child's success.

Along with school leadership, teachers, and staff, I will work hard to continue a culture of success by building strong relationships with students, parents, families, and community partners. We will focus on campus safety, student achievement through rigorous and data-driven instruction, character education, social-emotional well-being, building a culture of reading, and building strong relationships with our students so that we can continue to increase all of our students' achievements.

While Central Elementary maintained a grade of "C", there were many areas of growth. Grade 3 increased in English/Language Arts (ELA) and remained the same in Math. Grade 4 increased in both ELA and Math. Grade 5 decreased slightly in ELA and in Math proficiency. We are excited to work with the District's new math coach to increase math scores and we commit to *Putting Students First* and providing rigorous academic experiences that will result in our school grade improvement.

Our schedule this year will remain the same with school beginning at 8:10 AM and ending at 2:50 PM. Open House will be held on Thursday, August 12, 2019 from 5:00-7:00 PM.

Meals are free for all students at Central Elementary and no application is needed. As part of the Community Eligibility Program (CEP) students will receive a breakfast and lunch at no cost to the family.

Family engagement will remain a priority and our Academic Parent Teacher Team (APTT) Program will continue this year allowing parents opportunity to meet and discuss their children's' progress during the school year.

All of us at Central Elementary are eager and excited to begin what promises to be the best year ever! This year is going to be amazing as we continue to provide academic experiences for our students that are rigorous, relevant, and help them build relationships while making real-world connections. As your Principal, it is important to me that everyone who steps through our doors-teachers, students, parents, family members, stakeholders-are excited to be here! This positive outlook enables us to meet the challenges of academic excellence in a positive, fun, and nurturing environment. My door is always open and I welcome your input. Please feel free to call or email me to discuss any concerns you might have throughout the school year.

I look forward to working with you as a team to help each student at Central Elementary meet their goals and have a successful school year! See you at Open House!

Best Regards,

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