

Banks Road Elementary School Jessica Burroughs, Principal 10225 Chambers Road Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Parents and Students.

Welcome to Banks Road Elementary School! We are excited and looking forward to another successful year filled with learning and fun. Our school is special, because of you, a group of committed and terrific people who learn and work together at Banks Road.

Our mission at Banks Road Elementary is to provide valuable learning experiences so all students will become successful and productive life-long learners. We are proud of our academic programs and the additional enriching experiences we plan to provide students this school year. The staff and I are ready and eager to see students' smiling faces when they enter the building on their first day. The new school year promises much excitement, new friends, and a strong educational program.

There have been some changes in practice and policy for the new school year:

- 1. Morning carpool will end promptly at 9:10. All students arriving after 9:10 need to be escorted by parents/guardians into the main entrance of the building. Please do not park in the bus circle or on the sidewalk as you will be blocking traffic and violating Fire Code. Breakfast, morning library circulation, and other morning school activities will also end at 9:10. The first period of instruction starts at 9:15 and arrival after 9:10 causes students to be late for instruction. They are busy with book bags and cubbies while their peers have already started the first lesson of the day. Please work with us to get your students to school by 9:10 so they are in their seats and ready to start the day at 9:15.
- 2. The WCPSS dress code policy will be enforced. You can find the full policy in our on-line parent/student handbook. Because these areas are of most frequent concern at Banks Road, we wanted to call to attention footwear and coverage of tops.
 - a. Students cannot wear back-less sandals/flip-flops to school. These present a safety problem during recess and PE and they often break. Inappropriate footwear will result in the student being unable to participate in physical play during recess and play in PE. Parents will be contacted.
 - b. Students wearing strappy dresses or shirts with straps that are less than approximately two adult finger widths wide need to wear a shirt under or over the dress/shirt. Spaghetti strap shirts or dresses will result in a school issued shirt being provided to the student. Parents will be contacted.

We look forward to working in a partnership with parents and students to make the school year a productive one. Close cooperation between the school and home are essential. Our newly created parent/student handbook is meant to communicate the many policies and procedures of our school. We ask that you carefully review our handbook and refer to it during the school year. This handbook is posted on our website. If you do not have digital access and would like a copy of it, call our main office and one will be sent home with your child. If you have any questions, please call (919)890-7333.

Respectfully,

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