



Dear Students, Staff and Parents:

Welcome to Enfield Middle School! I am elated to serve as the Principal and I am committed to ensuring that our school is successful in all that we do. In order for schools to be successful, there must be a safe and intellectually challenging environment. I am committed to providing an academic environment that will empower students to become innovative thinkers, creative problem solvers and inspire learners to prepare to thrive in the twenty-first century.

High standards and expectations for each stakeholder in regard to academic performance, co-curricular participation, and responsible citizenship are the foundations of our school. It is with pride that we hold these high standards and ask each of our stakeholder to commit to building an extraordinary record of achievement and contribution that will propel our school into the 21st Century. It is the contribution of our stakeholders to our school community that makes Enfield Middle School an exceptional learning community. Full participation in academic and co-curricular programs and a willingness to act responsibly as an individual within our educational environment are the factors that enable all to have a successful and enjoyable year.

I believe that effective teachers:

- *Create opportunities for intellectual risk-taking, collaboration, problem-solving, and application of classroom learning to real life situations;*
- *Implement strategies that promote ownership of learning to students;*
- *Design instruction to integrate a variety of innovative technological tools and resources to enhance learning;*
- *Demonstrate ongoing professional growth in order to increase the quality of instruction;*
- *Collaborate with colleagues to share and discuss exemplary practices, interpret student performance data, and design assessments that promote twenty-first century skills.*

I believe that successful students:

- *Communicate in a meaningful way for a variety of purposes and audiences;*
- *Demonstrate a sensitivity to the precision and nuances of written, visual, and aural medium through comprehension, interpretation, and evaluation;*
- *Employ critical and creative thinking skills to solve problems; and*
- *Pose questions, examine possibilities, and apply skills to find solutions to authentic issues.*
- *Make positive choices related to physical and mental wellness; and*
- *Contribute to the local and global community in a collaborative and respectful manner*

In conclusion, I wish you all a wonderful school year. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me and know that my door is always open. I can be reached at pattersont@en.halifax.k12.nc.us

Respectfully submitted,

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