



River Plaza Elementary School

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Dear River Plaza Family,

It is my sincere honor to write to you as the newly appointed Principal of River Plaza Elementary School. River Plaza enjoys a rich history of academic and social excellence that is the result of a strong partnership between the staff, students, families and community. In my first few weeks at River Plaza, it is evident that all shareholders are dedicated to providing the best possible educational program for our students. I wish to take a moment to thank our outgoing Principal, Ms. Jessica Shaw. Her dedication in making this transition as seamless as possible is a testament to her dedication to our school community. I look forward to partnering with her and wish her the best as she assumes her new position.

Before coming to River Plaza Elementary School, I served nine years in the Franklin Township School District. During my tenure, I developed my instructional skills as a Social Studies teacher and later transitioned to Assistant Principal. I am excited to bring my experiences as an instructional leader to River Plaza and to work with you as a partner to continue the excellent work being done in our school.

Over the course of the year, I hope to learn about River Plaza's positive initiatives and programs from our staff and community. We will continue to focus on the implementation of Writer's Workshop, as well as the use of data to inform instruction. We will also continue to implement our school-wide positive behavior support and character education programs. In addition to these initiatives, our school community will strive to support and expand an environment that encourages digital literacy where students and staff seamlessly integrate technology into the educational process.

As Principal, I welcome your input. Please feel free to make an appointment or email me with any questions, concerns, or suggestions. Your feedback will help River Plaza continue to be an amazing school community. Go Vikings!

Sincerely,

David J. Whitman
Principal
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