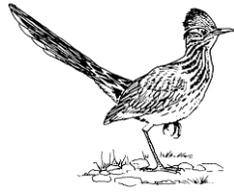


# 2017-2018 Sudley Elementary School Year



## *Home of the Roadrunner*

September 2018 Newsletter

We have been true to our mascot and hit the ground running since August 23<sup>rd</sup> with our Open House. Our opening day started with a Boo Hoo/Woo Hoo Breakfast for parents as they sent their children off for the first day of the 2018 school year. Friday September 7<sup>th</sup>, we sorted our Kindergarten students and new students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade into their habitat houses at a school assembly. Our students are settling into the routines of the school day. They are making and cultivating friendships and building relationships with their teachers. My favorite part of the day is during lunch when I can walk around and connect with students about their learning.

The first two weeks of school have flown by and there is more fun to come! Our first Advisory Council meeting and Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting will be this Thursday starting at 5:30 PM in the Sudley School Library.

Our Back To School Night will be very different this year. We are planning a sidewalk festival with grade level booths outside, weather permitting.

This year we are continuing to place a significant focus on our positive behaviors and instructional supports (PBIS) for students as they learn how to build strong relationships, including quality Roadrunner characteristics and a sense of responsibility to their school. Our teachers are committed to providing highly qualified instruction while also making sure our students enjoy school as a proud Sudley Roadrunner. I cannot wait to see all the growth our students will make this year.

At Sudley Elementary, we empower all to achieve. It is our mission to empower all individuals to reach their highest potential. We value each student's skills and talents. We believe in developing relationships that foster a safe and caring learning environment, of mutual respect and high expectations. We honor creating an atmosphere where diversity of learning will be honored through differentiation of instruction. We will provide constructive feedback to facilitate the learning of all members of Sudley's community.

**Our motto at Sudley Elementary is: We Are Kind, We Work Hard, We Stay Safe.**

Students are encouraged to use the guiding principles of our motto to govern all aspects of their schooling. This simple phrase embodies everything that we expect of our children in all settings. This is key to our school-wide PBIS program. We've found that in any setting of the school, if students are following the three basic principals, they are making forward progress academically and socially. During conversations about choices and actions that take place within the school-day, students are asked to reflect if their choice was an example of being kind, working hard and/or staying safe. If they say no to any of these three expectations, this opens up an opportunity for dialogue, reflection and guides their path back on the road to success. If they say yes, then they are given positive feedback about their choices and complimented for being strong examples to their peers.

Together we will continue to instill these principles of learning and I know our students will surely reap the benefits of our strong parent-teacher partnerships.

In our next installment of the Principal's Press, you will learn more about our Ecosystem Project and our Veteran's Day Assembly coming up soon.

Yours in Education,

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