



WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Thomas O. Matthews, Principal

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! It is with the greatest pleasure, excitement and humility that I re-introduce myself, for the second time, as the principal of this wonderful learning community. Together we made last year truly wonderful and successful. My philosophy of educational leadership is to lead through service. My purpose is to serve each and every one of us in this learning community and to continually improve and nurture a climate and culture of excellence. It is my fervent belief that a great school completely supports, enhances and complements the learning that begins at home.

The Washington Elementary School family is so very fortunate to have a new vice principal, Mrs. Laurie Roof. She has worked in Union Township for over thirteen years in elementary education. I know she is very excited and honored to be here. Mrs. Roof is a distinguished educator and comes to us with many talents and accolades. Mrs. Roof and I have over thirty-five years of professional experiences combined. We are both prepared to work with all of you to do whatever it takes to advance the achievement of all our students. Working together, I am confident that we will continue to provide our students with a truly challenging and enriching school experience. Mrs. Roof can be reached at levans@twpunionschools.org.

Whatever happens during these transformative and critical years will have a lasting impression on your child's growth and development. Our goal as administrators is to provide leadership that will facilitate a school environment that is safe and respectable, in order for your child to receive the best possible academic instruction. We believe in keeping a close connection between home and school through maintaining open lines of communication.

A culture of excellence can only exist, evolve and thrive when all stakeholders are completely vested. We pledge to all of you to be dedicated, professional, available, and compassionate. I am honored and grateful to have this opportunity to serve and work with all of you. Together, let us make a new resolution to be more involved and passionate with everything that takes place here in these hallowed halls where all of our children grow.

The entire faculty and staff look forward to seeing ***ALL*** of you at our Back-to-School Night on Tuesday, September 13, 2016. Further details are forthcoming. I can be reached at (908) 851-6460. My email address is tomatthews@twpunionschools.org. Thank you!

Respectfully yours,

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