

*Inspire Every Mind.*

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Dear Howbert Elementary School Students and Families,

It is that magical time of the year. That time when families entrust their most precious gift to the dedicated and caring educational partners found within our schools. A time when those educators begin to collaborate with families and each other to provide the safest and most beneficial learning environment. A place where every student has the opportunity to gain skills and grow knowledge so that one day, he or she may profoundly impact our world.

As your new principal at Howbert Elementary, I want to welcome all families and students to the beginning of your best year of learning yet. I ask that you join me and the staff at Howbert in taking a journey this year; a journey of growth and continual improvement where we all work as one team whose goal is to support and empower each student to learn.

This year, like the past year and a half, safety of the school community has expanded to include the additional procedures and protocols to address the COVID-19 pandemic. Because of the quickly changing information and guidance provided by local health experts, we will all need to be as flexible as possible and ready to respond when needed. At this time, students will be returning to learn using the guidelines communicated by Superintendent Dr. Thomas on July 26<sup>th</sup> ([linked here](#)). The goal at Howbert will be to follow health guidelines so that we can keep students in-person at school. Families can support this goal by reviewing the [at home COVID-19 symptom screener](#) each morning and by keeping students at home that are sick. You are welcome to contact the front office if you need guidance or have any questions.

The staff and I are looking forward to an educationally rewarding school year. It is great to be a part of a community where students, teachers, and families care for each other and strive to build meaningful relationships that support student growth. Feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns. I look forward to working with you and supporting each student to meet his or her personal goals.

Sincerely,



Toby Lefere  
Principal  
Howbert Elementary – An Outdoor Learning School

