



Dear Wildwood Elementary Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the staff at Wildwood Elementary School, I am excited to welcome you to the 2016-2017 school year. I hope that everyone had a great summer and is ready for the school year to begin. It continues to be an honor to serve as the principal of Wildwood Elementary and get the opportunity to work with the students and community of Sarcoxie. We are looking forward to this school year and continuing to develop a partnership with you to ensure your children succeed at their highest potential. We recognize that children need support from both home and the school for this to happen. We firmly believe that a strong partnership will make a great difference in your child's education. I can assure you that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities in making sure your child succeeds.

There are a few things that I am going to ask of you that will help us greatly as we strive to educate your children.

1. Make sure that your child attends school daily and arrives on time. Research shows how great of an impact attendance can have on a student's success. If your child is absent, please call the office and let us know.
2. Talk to your child about their day. Ask them what they learned at school.
3. Read to your child daily to help them improve their literacy skills. This will also help them develop a love for reading.

This year we are going to put an emphasis on attendance with the students at Wildwood. We would love to have every student present every day, but I realize that is not always possible. Therefore, we are going to set a goal to have as many students here at least 95% of the time. To give you a number, that means a student can miss eight days throughout the course of the year and still be slightly above 95%. We are definitely still going to recognize and find a way to reward those students who have perfect attendance, but we will also recognize those students who are here greater than 95% of the time. We would greatly appreciate your help and support in getting your children here as much as possible.

Over the summer, the custodial staff worked very hard to make sure the school looks great and is ready for the year to start. They painted some purple stripes in the hallways and some purple walls in various classrooms. If you are in the building be sure to look at the improvements.

I certainly look forward to seeing you at various events throughout the school year. Again, thank you for your support and for trusting us with your children every day. It is a responsibility that we do not take lightly.

Thank you,

Mr. Dusty Feather  
Wildwood Elementary Principal