



DURHAM ELEMENTARY TIGER NEWS

"Every Student Learns Every Day"

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**Aug / Sept
2017**

Shirley J. Williams, Principal

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Events In Aug & Sept August

- 16 First Day of School!
Durham Unified School District
Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 24 Back to School Night
6:00-6:45 TK—2nd
6:45-7:30 3rd-5th
- 30 Picture Day
- 31 Minimum Day Release 12:45 PM
—Parent Interviews

September

- 1 Minimum Day Release 12:45 PM
—Parent Interviews
PTS Meeting 9:00 AM Multi-
Purpose Room
- 4 Labor Day—No School
- 13 School Site Council
- 20 Durham Unified School District
Board Meeting 7:00 PM

Principal's Post

Preparation is defined as the state of having been made ready beforehand; readiness.

Our mission in education is to prepare students to be college and career ready. That means we are preparing them for future jobs that may not even exist yet. Industries are flourishing and expanding more quickly now than ever before. So it is our imperative to ensure that our students are able to think critically, to analyze, and to support their thinking with evidence; we teach them to collaborate with others and to work as a team. We expect them to be kind, to have negotiating skills, to disagree respectfully and to have open minds and hearts while being kind to others. If our students leave our campuses with these skills, they will succeed in whatever it is they choose in life.

And so our staff has been hard at work preparing...our classrooms, our school grounds, our handbooks, our lesson plans, our intervention groups...thoughtfully and with purpose. But this preparation doesn't end with the start of school; our most important job is to prepare our students all year long. We prepare our students to confront the obstacles they may face with courage, grace and intelligence along with support from all of us here at DES. You see, we are preparing the children for the path and not preparing the path for the children.

Things may get tough for them at times. There may be moments of disappointment, discouragement, frustration, fear and our job is to support our students in knowing that they've got this. We are preparing them because the road we walk can be hard and doesn't get easier as we get older. We are preparing them for what lies ahead and if all we do is make the road easy for them, there won't be any resilience built up for the tougher roads ahead. So along with our parents and families, we support and build kids who are strong, resilient, intelligent, thoughtful, respectful and successful... and who believe in the power of "yet"...but that's a topic for another time.

Welcome to the 17-18 School Year!

Miss Williams

Back To School Night August 24th!

TK-2nd Grade 6:00pm-6:45pm
3rd-5th 6:45pm-7:30pm

Yard duty is provided for
students enrolled in Durham
Elementary School only.

Thank you.

Early release Mondays

Remember EVERY MONDAY our school releases at 2:00pm.

Please make arrangements for your students' pick up!

Thank you!