



Welcome Back Students

Pendergrass Fairwold
School

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Back to School

On behalf of the staff at Pendergrass Fairwold School, We are happy to welcome you to the 2019-20 school year! We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities.

Please consider joining our school volunteer program as our students can greatly benefit from your involvement and con-

tributions to the school's program and its operations. We seek volunteers to help us with the following activities: 1) Teacher-led instructional support, usually in the classroom 2) Reading to the children 3) School-wide events 4) Recruitment of parent and community volunteers 5) PTO/ School Improvement Council (SIC).

The wonderful Pendergrass Fairwold staff and I feel privileged to be a part of this school family. We thank you for your support.



Word from the Principal

Welcome Back! This promises to be a year filled with golden opportunities for all of our students as we strive to find ways that we can be even better than we have before! We embark on this journey with a pledge to you, our students and parents, that this will be a year of engaging, meaning-

ful and rigorous work in our classrooms, combined with special events certain to encourage our Grizzlies to be involved and stay connected!

We look forward to a very positive and productive year together! We extend a special, yearlong invitation to our families

to join us at school activities and events whenever possible. We value your involvement and support in your child's education!

Again, we welcome you to Fairwold and to our wonderful learning community.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- ☺ September 2:
Labor Day Holiday
- ☺ September 5:
Open House
SIC/PTO Meeting
- ☺ October 30:
Fall Festival
- ☺ October 31:
Parent Teacher Conference
- ☺ November 25-29:
Thanksgiving Break
- ☺ December 23—January 2:
Winter Break



Pendergrass Fairwold
Home of the Grizzlies

Welcome



Teachers:

Jilliane Cabonce
Rajdip Swain
Elizabeth Henson

Instructional Assistants:

Tracy Franklin
Elizabeth Mills
Brenda 'BJ' Preston
Janelle Sellers
Robert Wylie

School Nurse:

Alison Hair



As the school year begins, I would like to remind parents of some important issues that need to be addressed that will help us help keep your children healthy and in school. Health history, medication orders and care plans **MUST** be done every school year. If it was done 2018-19 school year it is no longer in effect for 2019-20 school year.

There is a nurse at the school daily; however if the nurse is not available, trained staff will handle medication distribution and any emergency that arises. If your child becomes ill while at school, the student needs to go to the nurse's office to be checked. We will call you to come pick him/her up if necessary. **Please always be sure the school has current phone numbers for you and other emergency contact persons.**

Please let the school nurse know if your student has significant health history, life threatening allergies or special medical concerns.

All students must meet state immunization requirements in order to attend school. The goal of these requirements is to reduce and eliminate vaccine-preventable diseases among South Carolina's children, adolescents and adults. Each student must have completed the required immunizations in order to attend school. Please be sure your child is up to date on all immunizations. Your child's healthcare provider can help you determine if he/she needs further immunizations.

Healthy children learn better. Please keep in mind the basics of healthy living as you teach your child good lifelong health habits!!!





Free meals

Richland One students don't have to worry about bringing lunch money to school. Breakfast and lunch served at school are free to ALL students!

Parents are urged to make arrangements in advance and establish an emergency plan for their children in the event that schools are closed, start late or early dismissal, such as due to inclement weather. Parents will be notified as soon as possible about any changes to the school schedule.



The PowerSchool Parent Portal provides parents with real-time access to their children's class schedules and attendance records. Parents, please update your emergency contact information in InfoSnap via the Parent Portal. If you don't have a Parent Portal account, contact Mrs. Demetria Pam for information and assistance.

Parents, please provide the following items for your child's classroom:

- ⇒ Baby wipes
- ⇒ Disinfectant spray
- ⇒ Disinfectant wipes
- ⇒ Kleenex

Please contact your teacher if you would like bring classroom snacks. Also please ensure your child has a change of clothing in case of emergency.



#R1StartStrong

ATTENDANCE MATTERS. ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

As Richland One continually works to improve academic achievement, it is important that parents and guardians recognize that attending school daily and maintaining a strong attendance record is essential to their child's success in school. Please note these important facts about student attendance:

1. The South Carolina Compulsory Attendance law requires that a child attend school from the school year in which the child is 5 years old before September 1 until the child's 17th
2. A child, at least 6 years old but not yet 17, who has three unexcused absences in a row or a total of five unexcused absences at any point in the school year, is truant and in violation of the South Carolina Compulsory School Attendance law. The law also states that once a child is found to be truant, the parent/guardian must work with the school to develop an attendance plan.
3. Anytime that a student is absent, the parent or guardian must provide a written note to the school explaining the absence within 48 hours of the child returning to school. Legal absences include, but are not limited to illness, death in the immediate family, and recognized religious holidays of the student's faith, emergency conditions as determined by the school administration, inclement weather and short-term suspensions.
4. Students may be referred to the school social worker or other support services staff at any time it is deemed appropriate for excessive excused/unexcused absences.
5. Parents also can check their child's attendance at any time by contacting their child's school or by logging into the Parent Portal.

When it comes down to how absences affect a student's education, there's no difference between excused and unexcused absences. A student is either present in class or not. It's not about why a student is absent; rather, it's that a student is absent and missing valuable instructional time.

Let's work together for your children's success. When your children see that parents and schools are working together, they will understand that education is a top priority at school and at home and that attendance really matters?



Meet The Staff



David Keisler: Teacher
Left to right
David Keisler, Tracy Franklin



Rajdip Swain: Teacher
Left to right
Janelle Sellers, Rajdip Swain
Missing: O'Dell McCauley



Nagender Kumar Manadapally: Teacher
Left to right
Kevin Hampton, Elizabeth Mills, Nagender Kumar Manadapally,
Robert Wylie

Meet The Staff



Preschool
Naomi Gallman: Teacher
Left to right
Naomi Gallman, Mary Davis

Susan Kennedy: Teacher
Left to right
Brenda 'BJ' Preston, Cale Brown, Susan Kennedy



Ronald Kessler: Teacher
Left to right
Joann Brown, Alvena Sims, Daisy Sainyo, Ronald Kessler



Meet The Staff



Jilliane Cabonce: Teacher
Left to right
James Emily, Jilliane Cabonce,
Margaret Robinson, Tomika Felder

MEDIA CENTER



Tracy Caroline



Missing:
Asiya Khan: Teacher
Staff:
Teresa Adams
Judy Jackson
Claude Reid



Missing:
Elizabeth Henson: Teacher
Staff:
Melissa Moultrie
Racherie Williams



Security Monitor—Ronnie Cole

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Our school is a place alive with much *energy, enthusiasm, and a high standard of excellence!* It is, indeed, a place where opportunities abound! Here's to an **AWESOME** new school year as we work together to make our school a great place to work and learn each day!

Please know that we highly value home/school communication here at Pendergrass Fairwold. It is vital and plays an integral role in each student's success. We encourage you to contact us if/when the need arises, and to *stay in the know* about your child's assessments, and school activities, as well as other events and happenings.



Achieving Success—One Step At A Time

What is success?

Success is not easy to define. It means different things to different people. In addition, it may mean something different at different times in a person's life. However, although views of success may differ, there appear to be a number of things that most people include when they think of success. These include good friends, positive family relations, being loved, self-approval, job satisfaction, physical and mental health, financial comfort, spiritual contentment, and an overall sense of meaning in one's life. Of course, different individuals may place lesser or greater emphasis on these various components of success.

Your partnership and support are key elements to ensuring that we are able to maximize each stu-

dent's educational and personal development. To that end, we encourage a positive home-school relationship based on the mutual goal of providing the best learning experience possible for all of our students. Our talented faculty brings a diverse set of approaches to instruction in order to address a variety of student learning styles.

Points:

- ⇒ Review your child's successes with him (her) on a daily basis!
- ⇒ Keep your child's successes front and center in your mind and in your child's mind!
- ⇒ Daily affirmation for greatness!



"We are Richland One, a leader in transforming lives through education, empowering all students to achieve their potential and dreams."