



Sequoyah Middle School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

My name is Mark D. Taylor, Parent and Community Engagement Specialist here at Sequoyah Middle School. First and foremost, I hope that you and your family are doing well. Secondly, I am looking forward to working with all stakeholders, parents, guardians, families, teachers, and students. **Our motto at Sequoyah Middle School is "CULTURE BEATS STRATEGY".** My job is to facilitate communication between home and school; in addition to, empowering parents by providing them with instructional resources to support learning at home and providing volunteer opportunities.

Available Resources

The Parent and Family Engagement Resource Center has several parenting/teaching brochures in English and Spanish, a parent lending library, and instructional resources to support learning at home that are available for check out. Also, there are computers with Internet access available for your convenience. As we begin and throughout the school year, I will also be conducting face to face and virtual parent workshops, seminars, and training that will provide you with strategies to best support our scholars learning at home. Some of the workshops for you we will have for example are Math Made Easy, how to claim your Parent Portal Account, and What is Social Emotional Learning (SEL) just to name a few.

Available Services

I am honored to be able to assist and help families with the following services:

- Providing academic resources
- Coordinating opportunities for parents to meet other Sequoyah parents.
- Parent and community workshops
- Being the liaison between school, teacher, parent, and stakeholders as needed.
- Assisting with computer usage. There are 4 computers for parents to use in the Parent Center.

Final Thoughts

The Sequoyah Middle School Parent and Family Engagement Resource Center is an extraordinary privilege and one that parents should fully enjoy. It is an opportunity for you to participate in your child's education by learning about our school, meeting other parents, and getting to know our awesome staff. Thank you for your committed and continued support of Sequoyah Middle School. Please feel free to contact me by phone @770-515-7524 ext. 528130, mobile @470-236-2442, ClassDojo, or by e-mail mark.taylor@clayton.k12.ga.us.

Humbly submitted,

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Culture Beats Strategy