



Alice Drive Middle School
A Nationally Certified STEM School

SUMTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Welcome Back, Hawk Families!

As we begin a new school year, we are excited to welcome our students and families back to school during a truly historic time. This year, our nation celebrates **America's 250th birthday**, and our school proudly marks its **70th birthday**. These milestones remind us of the power of community, perseverance, and the lasting impact of those who invest in future generations.

For 70 years, our school has been a place where students learn, grow, and discover their potential. That legacy has been built through the partnership of dedicated educators, supportive families, and hardworking students. As we celebrate our past, we also look ahead to the future and the opportunities that await every child who enters our doors this year.

Our theme for the year, "**Hawk Strong: Legacy of Learning and Leading**," reflects our commitment to building on the strong foundation established by those who came before us. We want every student to understand that they are part of something bigger than themselves—a legacy of excellence that continues to grow with each new generation of Hawks.

These values guide our work each day and help us create a STEM-rich learning environment where every student can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

As parents and guardians, your support and partnership are essential to our success. Together, we can inspire our students to achieve their goals, develop strong character, and become the leaders of tomorrow. We are grateful for the trust you place in us and look forward to working alongside you throughout the year.

As we celebrate **250 years of our nation's history** and **70 years of our school's tradition of excellence**, let us embrace the future with pride, purpose, and determination.

Together, we are **Hawk Strong**—continuing a proud **Legacy of Learning and Leading**.

We wish your family a wonderful school year and look forward to all that we will accomplish together.

Welcome Back, Hawks!



J. Pressley
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