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Dear Woodlawn Middle Families,

My name is Raquel Metoyer Brown. I am the principal of Woodlawn Middle School. This will be my 16th year at Woodlawn and my 6th year as principal. I am humbled and honored to have the opportunity to lead a school, with such a rich tradition of excellence, high expectations, and character. I eagerly look forward to partner in education with each family, to ensure every child's success. This year as with all years, will have challenges as well as opportunities. We will each get the chance to grow and to learn. We will each get countless opportunities to be kind and to show compassion. This is our year to become the best version of ourselves. Families please know that your questions and concerns are welcome, please do not hesitate to ask. Please note that email is the best way to contact administration and staff.

The administrative staff, teachers, and support staff of Woodlawn Middle School are getting ready for our 16th year! As we move forward, we will continue to help our students reach their full potential, both academically and socially. We will continue to work with students in all of the four content areas this year, by continuing Mastery Prep. It is vital that this time is used efficiently and effectively. The homeroom or Mastery Prep is an academic class in which students receive grades. Students must be on time for school to benefit from the enrichment and or intervention. All students are to be in their homeroom class by 7:10 a.m. Students who are car riders are best dropped off by 6:50 a.m. As we increase academic rigor in reading, English, math, science and social studies, it is essential that students come to school ready and prepared to learn. This necessitates that students get enough rest each evening and that they complete their assignments. All students will be encouraged to exemplify the core values of respect, responsibility, perseverance, courage, and sacrifice. Resilience is key in all academic success.

Students will continue to use Tier 1 Resources. The Tier 1 materials are aligned with the state content standards. Tier 1 materials exemplify high quality. They meet all non-negotiable criteria and scored the best possible on all indicators of superior quality. We will continue to use Eureka in math and My Perspectives in English Language Arts. The school wide goal is to continue to help each teacher enhance their teaching strategies and understanding of how students learn, so that each student will reach their learning potential. If we accomplish these goals, we know that we will be able to continue to improve student learning and academic achievement. It is vital that all students have the skills necessary to achieve and excel in high school and beyond. Middle school is an extremely important bridge to high school. As students reach their potential we are very confident that the School Performance Score will also improve as a result. Parents we will need your help. It is of the utmost importance that you ensure that your child comes to school daily, on time, and is prepared with school supplies and text books. It is equally important that you encourage your child to be an integral part of their lessons by participating in class and by helping to ensure your child is completing assignments and home work each and every day! Parents and care takers need to be involved by helping their child with these requirements, by monitoring their progress through the use of the student planner, checking the student progress center for grades and checking Google Classroom to view teacher assignments. Woodlawn Middle School, in partnership with students and parents, will reach the school wide goal!



Expectations for Students

- Students will come to school every day ready to learn.
- Students will be on time for class including Mastery Prep.
- Students will believe in their ability to succeed.
- Students will take ownership of their own learning.
- Students will work to the best of their ability.
- Students will show determination and grit and not give up on themselves.
- Students will live the Five Core Values of Woodlawn Middle School.

Our expectations are high for each of our students. There are also high expectations for administrators, teachers, para-professionals and office staff to provide a quality education in all aspects of our students' lives. Children learn by example. We believe that, "Excellence is never an accident!"

Student Academic Goals

- Students will score Mastery or Advanced or meet their Growth to Mastery Target on the LEAP test.
- Students will grow at least one to two reading levels each school year.
- Students will give their best effort at all times and complete assigned tasks on time.

School Academic Goals

- Improve the School Performance Score
- Meet all the requirements of an 'A' school
- Increase the number of students scoring Mastery on the LEAP 2025 test
- Increase the number of students meeting their growth to Mastery target
- Ensure that 80% of the student body maintains a 3.0 or higher grade point average each nine weeks.
- Create and maintain an environment of academic excellence
- Increase the number of students achieving the straight A and A/B honor roll (Those students are invited to the Breakfast of Champions.)
- Reduce the number of students scoring Approaching Basic on the LEAP 2025 test
- Reduce the number of students scoring Unsatisfactory on the LEAP 2025 test
- Increase academic achievement in all subgroups, especially the ELL subgroup and the students with disabilities subgroup.

Student Behavior Goals

- Students will demonstrate respect for people and property.
- Students will treat each other with kindness.
- Students will only touch other people's property with permission.
- Students will make good choices.

School Behavior Goals

- Work to consistently improve Restorative Practices
- The consistent implementation of the five core values. (Respect, Responsibility, Courage, Sacrifice and Perseverance)
- Increase acts of kindness from student to student, teacher to student and student to teacher
- Reduce the number of suspensions
- Reduce the number of expulsions
- Provide a safe environment that fosters positive character and accountability.
- Follow PBIS with fidelity. (Recognize and reward positive behavior.)

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this letter!

Sincerely,

Raquel Metoyer Brown



Grades Do Count

East Baton Rouge Grading Scale

100-93	A	Outstanding Achievement
92-85	B	Good Achievement
84-75	C	Satisfactory Achievement
74-67	D	Minimum Acceptable Achievements for Passing
66 and below	F	Failing

Attendance Matters!

Students must meet state attendance requirements by attending a minimum of 160 days in order to be promoted to the next grade!



The ABCs OF Student Success

A is for ATTENDANCE

“Attendance is a critical factor in any child’s school success. Children should attend school every day, except in cases of illness or emergency. It is impossible to replace the learning that happens on any school day with make-up work. Regular attendance and promptness are good habits that are expected and appreciated at all levels of schooling and in the workplace. This year, make school a priority in your household. Commit to excellence in attendance. Your child’s future depends on it.”

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- ▶ Regular school attendance, in addition to being required by State Law, is essential to a student’s progress.
- ▶ When a student is absent, it is necessary for the student to bring a note from a parent/guardian upon his/her return stating the reason for the absence(s). Written excuses must be on file before an absence can be certified as excused.

Important Dates



July 19-23	School Leadership Institute for Administrators
July 26	New Teacher Orientation
July 27	New Teacher Orientation
July 28	6 th Grade Orientation
July 29	7 th & 8 th Grade Orientation
August 2-10	Teacher In-Service
August 11	First Day of School for Students
August 26	Open House
August 30	Grade Level Meetings
September 6	Labor Day
September 15	School Pictures
October 8 th & 11 th	Fall Break
October 15	End of 1 st Nine Weeks
October 18	Spirit Week
October 28	Picture
November 22-26	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 14-17	Exams
December 17	End of 2 nd Nine Weeks
December 20-31	Winter Break
January 3	Teacher In-Service
January 4	Students & Support Staff
January 17	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
February 28	Mardi Gras Holiday
March 1	Mardi Gras Holiday
March 2	Professional Development Day
March 11	End of 3 rd Nine Weeks
April 12-18	Spring Break
April 25 – May 13	LEAP Assessment
May 17-20	Final Exams
May 20	Last Day for Students
May 23	Last Day for Teachers