

# Principal's 2018 Welcome Back Letter

Dear ALLSTAR Families:

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! **School starts on August 15, 2018.** I hope you enjoyed your summer vacation and got plenty of rest. We are thrilled to welcome all of you back to a new school year of learning and growing. Our focus this year is on rigor, relevance, and student engagement. We are also working on initiatives to improve our gifted and talented, performance and visual arts, and special education programs.



I want to personally invite you to attend our **Meet the Teacher Pep Rally on August 10, 2018 from 4:00-6:00 PM.** This will be a great time to strengthen our ALLSTAR community, meet teachers and other families, and learn about the upcoming school year. Our school goal is to see 80% of our families at this event.

***"WHERE EXCELLENCE IS EXPECTED EVERY DAY!"***

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. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time (*7:15 doors open; 7:30 is breakfast; 7:55 instruction begins*)
- 2) Completes all homework assignments given by teachers (packets will be given by Friday and returned by Thursday of the following week).
- 3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and improve literacy skills
- 4) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- 5) Informs you if he/she needs help in any area or subject or with friends in his/her class
- 6) Knows that you expect him/her to succeed and go on to college

Please consider becoming a VIP (Volunteer in Public School) parent this year! Register online. Volunteer opportunities include:

- 1) Joining the PTO
- 2) Supporting with school-wide events (family nights, festivals, movie nights, parent workshops)
- 3) Becoming a Room MOM or DAD

Every parent will receive a **Parent & Scholar Handbook**, which includes the school-wide rules, expectations and school systems in detail. Please review this handbook with your child and sign the **Parent Agreement** (in the middle of your book), which is **due to your child's teacher by August 24, 2018.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or to discuss them with your child's teacher. Do not forget to access Major's website at <https://www.springisd.org/Major> for school information, photos, schedules and district policies!

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER-NO JEANS!**

1. PK-2<sup>nd</sup> grade royal or light blue uniform tops/ navy, black, or khaki uniform bottoms
2. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade-red uniform tops/ navy, black, or khaki uniform bottoms
3. 4<sup>th</sup> grade-navy blue uniform tops/ navy, black, or khaki uniform bottom
4. 5<sup>th</sup> grade-hunter green uniform tops/ navy, black, or khaki uniform bottoms

We are all looking forward to our students returning soon! Have a great last few days of summer.

Your principal,

Shamethia Dillard