



William H. Farquhar Middle School

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Dr. Joel Beidleman, Principal

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Dear Farquhar Family:

At Farquhar we believe in working together to provide opportunities for all students to learn and develop in a safe, respectful environment that supports the needs of a diverse population.

We foster this motto in our day to day interactions as we create a climate of academic creativity with an emphasis on knowledge and understanding. We also place an emphasis on the social emotional learning of our students and use our core values (Responsible, Optimistic, Courage, Kindness) as a platform to build character within every student.

This past year has been challenging, however, we are one of very few schools who were able to provide field trips for all three grade levels, facilitate a whole-school wellness day, and provide a 50-minute wellness break three days a week for our students.

Even though there are so many wonderful things happening at our school, we are reflecting on the lack of opportunities presented during the pandemic for our students in the area of theatre and music. As a result, we have reinstated the music field trip for this year, our students enrolled in band and orchestra will be attending the Musical Festival at Kings Dominion in May. In order to allow students to express themselves through song and dance, Ms. Laraia and Ms. Kress will be leading a school talent show. Information for both of these events will be forthcoming to parents and students.

To further the conversation about our school programs and opportunities for students, I will hold another Principal Coffee on Thursday, March 24th at 9:00 a.m. Thank you for your time and support.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Sincerely,

Dr. Joel L. Beidleman
Principal