



BILL BURDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Bill Burden parents and students,

Welcome, or as our Burden Spirit stick boldly states, "Whalecome!" We are full-speed-ahead in preparing for our new families, new staff, and the new PreK - 4th grade configuration for Burden Elementary.

Since our inception in 2006, we have planned for and prepared for 2nd through 4th grader success. This year, as a result of district growth and restructuring, we are thrilled to be a prekindergarten to 4th grade campus. We will continue our mission to ensure that Burden Elementary will be known as the school that prepares all students and teachers for success.

Bill Burden Elementary was named after an exceptional educator that modeled excellence in all aspects of his life. His zeal for education, his spirit of giving, and servant's heart are embedded in the guiding principles of our campus. His picture hangs in our reception area as a symbol to everyone who works in and visits our campus of the great responsibility and commitment we have to our children.

Burden Elementary is a great place to be. I believe that parent---school relationships are essential to high academic achievement. Find any successful school and you will also find parents and staff members are involved and supportive of each other. Trust in this campus leadership and teaching staff is only achieved through sharing experiences with us. Active engagement with the campus staff will reveal the purpose and value of the educational experiences and extracurricular activities we provide here at Burden.

Our "Meet the Teacher" time provides an opportunity to meet your child's teachers, drop off school supplies, and learn more about our facilities and programs. If you have personal information you would like to share with teachers, please schedule a time to meet at a later date; this gives teachers an opportunity to truly focus on you and your child without feeling like they are neglecting others during this busy meet and greet time.

Meet the Teacher:

Friday, August 18th 4:00pm - 6:00pm (come and go)

Our annual campus orientation night will be scheduled later in September. At that time, we invite you to join your child's teacher for a classroom presentation outlining specific grade level expectations. We are looking forward to a great year, and I'll see you soon.

Come Dream the Panther Dream with us,

Terrie Chambers
Principal
Bill Burden Elementary School