



Dear Friends,

We are extremely proud to announce the unveiling of our new school mascot and logo! Sterling has the Knights, Yellin has the Squires. In sticking with that theme, our school collaborated, and we are now the Blue Dragons! Dragons stand for strength and our school's mission to empower our learners, spark curiosity, and create confidence in the students that make up the community of Laurel Springs. Along with our new Blue Dragon comes our Dragon 5 Pledge and 7 Dragon Traits that our students aspire to be known for. With our WINGS we can soar to new heights and achieve goals with a sense of pride and determination.

Dragon 5 Pledge

We dream big,

Include everyone,

Never give up,

Get involved,

Stay strong.

7 Dragon Traits (Students will be spotlighted monthly for showing these traits)

Curiosity, Resourcefulness, Courage, Self-Discipline, Citizenship, Grit, Nobility

I am pleased to announce our new merit system of behavior. It is designed to reward our students for maintaining positive behavior and levels of academic achievement while maintaining a growth mindset. Every student at Laurel Springs School will start out with a Dragon Card. It is their job to maintain it and earn more. We are forever learning and evolving. Our students need to understand that they are supported, even during times of error or failure. Our biggest disappointments can turn into our largest achievements if we maintain the right mindset and attitude.

At Laurel Springs School we are pushing forward. There will be a Dragon Rally each marking period to celebrate our success. We have a number of new activities planned for this school year including a gift card raffle for the end of the year. If you would be willing to donate a \$5 gift card to our school for this raffle, we would greatly appreciate it. Some examples include Target, Amazon, Game Stop, Chic-fil-a, and 5 Below to name a few. Our goal is to be able to raffle off 50 gift cards at the end of the year. Students earn Dragon Cards (think business cards) at the end of each marking period based on their ability to maintain positive behavior, academic achievement, and growth. Each one is good for one chance to win a gift card at our last Dragon Rally in June and earns your way into the current marking period's rally.

On the first day of school, please see the merit/demerit system in your child's agenda and sign that you have reviewed the handbook with your child. Students must maintain 70 out of 100 points to be eligible for Dragon Rally celebrations and school functions. Students may earn back points as described in the agenda. Additional items that apply are below.

Grades K-2 (Per Marking Period)

10 latenesses = -5 points

5 Unexcused Absences = -5 points

Grades 3-6 (Per Marking Period)

5 latenesses = -5 points

3 Unexcused Absences = -5 points

5 Missed HW assignments = -5 points

- An extended sickness will not count against students with a doctor's note.

Keep in mind that we are back to school on Thursday, September 5th and Friday the 6th. Those first 2 days are half days. Please remember to pack a snack with your child. The lunch program will start on Tuesday, September 10th. Please remember to pack a lunch with your child on Monday, September 9th.

I look forward to an exciting and motivating school year filled with overall school and individual growth. If you should have any questions, please feel free to reach out. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Ryan Mahlman

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Principal

