



# From the Director's Desk

## HCDE Innovation Zone

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Dear iZone Families:

We are just more than a week away from the start of school, and I couldn't be more excited to begin the 2016-2017 school year! I hope you are equally as excited for **August 11th**, our first day of school!

In this memo, you will find many helpful tips and information to help you prepare for the upcoming school year. With your help and involvement, we will continue to grow our students and our schools.

This year our focus will be on *results*. There are many things that you as the parent/guardian can do to assist our teachers and staff achieve the results that we all want to see in our schools, graduating each student prepared and inspired to excel academically and socially, and to positively contribute to the world.

Below are just a few suggestions I often give to parents:

- **Attendance:** It is important that every child attend every class, on-time, every day. To ensure that our students have the full opportunity to learn

and stay encouraged throughout the year, it is imperative that they be in class when school is in session. We will be providing you more information on HCDE specific attendance policies during registration.

- **Keep your contact information up-to-date:** If your phone number changes, notify your child's school office the same day, and update it in PowerSchool so that we can stay in contact and make you aware of opportunities and activities that might benefit your child and family.
- **Get involved:** Join PTA/PTSA and support your child's school. This is your way to have a voice in school-based decisions.

Lastly, talk to your child's teacher often, check in with your child nightly on homework completion and find ways to help make your child's learning experience fun!

Have a great school year!



### Literacy Matters

It is important to encourage your students to *read each and every day*, no matter how old they get. Just a half-hour each day with a book can keep students' reading skills on track and on grade level. Here are some easy techniques to encourage reading so it is enjoyable for everyone involved:

1. Ask your student what he/she is reading each day and talk to him/her about the book when he/she is done.
2. Establish family reading times. Set a time during the day when everyone reads.
3. Limit video games and TV. Video games and TV have their place in moderation, but they take away valuable time that could be spent reading. Set limits and establish no screen zones.
4. Be a role model. Be a reader. Let your children see you reading magazines, novels, comics, newspapers, this memo, etc. Let them see you positively react to books. Inspire.
5. Involve your children in practical reading exercises. For instance, if you are cooking, have the kids take turns reading ingredients and directions. Ask your children to read outdoor advertising boards as you run errands or ride the bus.



Parents,  
I count it a privilege to be the Innovation Zone schools' director. It is also an honor to work alongside such amazing administrative teams at each of the five iZone Schools. As a parent, I understand how important it is to know that your child is placed in the hands of people who not only care about his/her education, but are also passionate about children's overall success. I am confident that within our five schools, your children are being led by administrative teams that are not only committed to students' academic success, but they also care about your child's overall well being, as well as, social and community enhancement. We look forward to partnering and collaborating with you to make this a results driven year of learning, growing, and innovation. Please see the chart to your right to better familiarize you with the 2016-2017 iZone Administrative Teams.

-Director Randolph

School	Principal	Asst. Principal	Asst. Principal -Trainee
Brainerd High PH: 423.855.2615	Uras Agee	Dr. Jacqueline Cothran Dr. Charles Mitchell Glenn Perry	
Dalewood Middle PH: 423.493.0330	Arielle Hayes	Gerald Harris	Sylvia Davis
Orchard Knob Elem. PH: 423.493.0385	LaFrederick Thirkill	Vanessa Harris	
Orchard Knob Middle PH: 423.493.7793	Tiffany Earvin	Carl Knight	Rickey Jones
Woodmore Elem. PH: 423.493.0394	Brenda Cothran	Talley Caldwell	

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### School Start & End Times

**Brainerd High** - 7:15 a.m.— 2:15 p.m.

**Dalewood Middle** - 7:15 a.m.— 2:15 p.m.

**Orchard Knob Elementary** - 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

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**Woodmore Elementary** - 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.



Visit your school's website for 2016-2017 Supply Lists and Dress Codes.

### Important Dates to Remember for iZone Students & Families

#### August

- 8: Student Registration (No Classes)
- 11: First Day of School

#### September

- 5: Labor Day Holiday (No Classes)

#### October

- 7-14: Fall Break (No Classes)
- 21: Report Cards

#### November

- 23-25: Thanksgiving Break

#### December

- 16: 1/2 Day for Students
- 19-1/3: Winter Break (No Classes)

#### January

- 4: School Reopens
- 6: Report Cards
- 16: MLK Day (No Classes)

#### February

- 20: Presidents' Day (No Classes)

#### March

- 17-24: Spring Break (No Classes)
- 31: Report Cards

#### April

- 5: Kindergarten Registration and Pre-K Applications Due
- 14: Spring Holiday (No Classes)

#### May

- 25: 1/2 Day for Students
- 26: Last Day of School/Report Cards



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