



Copeland Elementary School

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Greetings Copeland Family!

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! The staff is here to serve our students and their families, and we are committed to doing all we can to make this school year a successful experience for *EACH* student! We will enter our second year as an authorized IB-PYP world school! 😊

I am Laurie Taylor and this will be my 5th year leading our great school. I want you to know that I am very passionate about education and I look forward to partnering with you to provide our students a rigorous, engaging, and high-quality elementary school experience. As the mother of Grayson (28), Khaiya (19) and Ethyn (15), I recognize the importance of a strong home-school connection. Parents are every child's first teacher and I believe that by working together, we can ensure your child's social, emotional, and academic needs are met. I believe we are **STRONGER TOGETHER** and want to thank you in advance for your support of Copeland Elementary School.

A little about me: I have served in a variety of teaching and educational leadership roles over the past 20+ years. I have been an assistant principal, instructional specialist, school improvement coordinator and classroom teacher. My academic background includes a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Texas A&M University. From Augusta State University, I received a Master of Education degree in Middle Grades Education and Specialist in Education degree in Educational Leadership. From Argosy University, I received a Specialist in Education degree in Curriculum and Instruction and a Doctor of Education degree in Educational Leadership.

I firmly believe that great schools are the result of having great teachers. Aside from safety, my primary objective will be to ensure that every student is receiving high-quality instruction from every teacher at Copeland. To do this, I will be providing teachers with feedback on their instruction, access to professional development, and reaching out to parents for support with academic and behavioral concerns to ensure all our students are prepared for college and careers. I will be working closely with my staff and district officials to ensure everyone's safety and that all the Wildcats are intellectually challenged and have access to the social and emotional support critical to students being able to learn.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve your family as your principal! Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas you would like to share. You can call or text me at 706-830-3004 or send me an email at TaylorLa@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us. Please visit our school's website as well as your child's teachers' page *often* for up-to-date information.

Your partner in education,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Taylor'.

Dr. Laurie P. Taylor