



Copeland Elementary School

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Greetings Copeland Family!

It is with the greatest excitement I welcome you to Copeland Elementary School and the 2021-2022 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 every student!

My name is Laurie Taylor and as I enter my third year as the principal of Copeland, 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 (26), Khaiya (17) and Ethyn (13), 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** so thank you for your continued support of Copeland Elementary School.

I have served in a variety of teaching and educational leadership roles over the past 20+ years. Prior to becoming the principal of Copeland, I was the assistant principal of A. Dorothy Hains Elementary, Columbia Middle School and St. Marys Middle School. Some of the other roles I have held during my career in education include: classroom teacher, instructional specialist, and school improvement coordinator. 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. In order 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 of our Wildcat Scholars are intellectually challenged and have access to the social and emotional support critical to students being able to learn in this post-pandemic world.

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,

Dr. Laurie P. Taylor