



BACHE MARTIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Guardians, & Families,

Welcome to the 2014-2015 school year at Bache Martin Elementary School. I am honored to be the instructional leader of the Bache Martin learning community and I look forward to serving all of the students, families and community members. I am especially excited to work with our faculty and staff in continuing to build our educational program.

This year our focus will be to build the instructional and school-culture that will ensure that all of our students are on track for college and career readiness. These systems include regular observation and feedback of teachers, the use of data to drive instruction and an instructional approach that values rigor, forces students to do the cognitive lifting and identifies the needs of individual students.

Our commitment to shifting the culture at Bache-Martin will help us increase reading comprehension levels, enhance skills in mathematics, and improve the school climate for all students. Each of these goals drives us towards one outcome: that our students will demonstrate mastery of the common core curriculum. Our students are being asked to do more and more in order to be prepared for college and the careers of their choice, as a result, we are committing to continuing to push ourselves to offer the instruction that our diverse student population needs. This is just a brief introduction to the work that will be ongoing at Bache-Martin this year. There will undoubtedly be a lot of excitement, teaching, and learning in our classrooms. I hope to see you all at Back to School Night on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 from 5:30-7:30.

In preparation for the year, here are a few key things to remember:

Arrival Procedures

- K-4 students should enter the building through the cafeteria doors and 5-8 students should enter through the auditorium.
- School starts at 8:26 a.m. Any late student that arrives after 8:26 should report to the front door of the Martin building in order to be marked present. Please make every effort to ensure that your student arrives on time.
- Beginning on 9/15/14, grade 7 & 8 students will enter directly into the Bache building.

Student Breakfast

- All students will be offered breakfast in the morning.
- K-4 students will eat breakfast in the cafeteria and 5-8 students will eat breakfast in their classrooms.
- Beginning on 9/15/14, the cafeteria doors will open for K-4 breakfast and the auditorium doors will open for 5-8 breakfast at 8:00 a.m.



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Dismissal Procedures

- Dismissal occurs at 3:05 p.m. Parents should pick up their students in the following locations:
 - K-1 @ 22nd and Brown
 - 2-4 @ 23rd and Parrish
 - 5-6 @ 22nd and Parrish
 - 7-8 @ 22nd and Brown (Bache side)
- Teachers will ensure a safe and orderly dismissal process. Any students not picked up promptly will be escorted to the cafeteria. If you are picking up students from the cafeteria you will be asked to provide identification and sign your children out.

I am looking forward to a great school year!

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark D. Vitvitsky".

Mark D. Vitvitsky
Principal