

August 20, 2012

Dear Reynolds Middle School Families:

It is with great excitement that I return to Reynolds Middle School as your principal. Though I thoroughly enjoyed my time last year as an assistant principal at H.B. Lee and learned a great deal, Reynolds Middle School will forever hold a place in my heart because of the time I served the school community during the previous seven years.

I can barely contain my enthusiasm for the upcoming school year. Your school has made a great deal of progress academically and in terms of an overall school culture over the last several years. Indeed, the Reynolds Middle School community has much to be proud of, not the least of which is a tremendous array of academic and co-curricular opportunities for each and every student!

It is with this in mind that I’d like to share my perspective with you, of what I see my role to be as your school’s leader. Rather than looking to implement wholesale changes, I see my job to be that of building on and enhancing the great things that were put in place at the school in years past. Please note that with the recent waiver Oregon received to federal *No Child Left* *Behind* legislation, it is my pleasure to announce to you that RMS is considered neither a *Priority* nor *Focus* school. That is, though we will always strive for continuous improvement in all areas, Reynolds Middle School has shown enough growth academically to essentially be removed from previous years’ *Improvement* status.

I look forward to reacquainting myself with RMS families and connecting with new members of the community as we start a journey together. I’m excited to facilitate Reynolds Middle School’s push to become a place we can all be even prouder of, a model middle school in the Portland area and across the state. Please note that school starts for 6th graders on Tuesday, September 4, and Wednesday, September 5, for 7th and 8th graders. Like last year classes will run from 7:30 a.m. until 2:15 p.m.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions as they relate to Reynolds Middle School, please don’t hesitate to call me at (503) 665-8166, Ext. 3421.

Very truly yours,

Stacy Talus

Principal