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Dear Parents and Students,

WELCOME BACK!

It is always exciting to start a new school year. I remind students every day that school is an excellent place to show how great they are! They have wonderful teachers that have started them out on the right path. It is now up to them to stay on that path with their teachers' guidance.

Every staff member has been working very hard to prepare for the return of our students. We have set very high expectations and made plans so that every student at Elida Middle School will be successful this school year. During these first few weeks of school, take time to reach out to your child's teachers

We challenge students every day to become the best person they can be. In addition to being good students, we want our middle school bulldogs to understand what it takes to be a responsible and productive individuals. Each day our young adults are practicing the very things that adults face every day. This is to prepare them for the many college or career opportunities they will have. Part of that is giving them the tools to make good and informed decisions.

Our announcements start the day with Respect, Trustworthiness, Responsibility, Caring, Fairness, and Citizenship. These are words often heard in school. I by no means claim to be the perfect parent, but I can say these words are often used in conversations with my own children. With three boys at home we spend a lot of time discussing the impact of those words. They are used regularly during my conversations with students as well. Why? Because, I know that incorporating these ideals in our daily lives will yield good results. We as adults also know, through experience (aka mistakes), that short cuts may save time, but may also lead to less than desirable results. One of the most rewarding things in teaching children is teaching them how to make good decisions. The whole community benefits from making good decisions.