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PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

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Dear CBES School Family,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! The CBES faculty and staff are committed to partnering with parents/guardians to provide students with a quality education in a safe and welcoming school environment and will focus on meeting individual student needs academically, socially and emotionally while continuing to model Drifter Pride by being productive, responsible and respectful! Our building is filled with love, laughter and learning each and every day. We are blessed with such a supportive school community!

As your building principal, I am honored to be entering my 29th year as an educator. Prior to becoming principal, I was an assistant principal, a school counselor, a reading coordinator and a classroom teacher. My undergraduate degree in teaching is from Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. I earned my Master Degree in Counselor Education and Post Master's Certificate in Educational Leadership from Virginia Commonwealth University. Being an educator is a blessing that I treasure.

Below you will find my purpose as an educator.

Education is a gift, one that all children deserve to unwrap. My purpose is to inspire students to become life-long learners by empowering them to be themselves and to OWN their education, in an environment that is student-centered, highly engaging, rich with learning experiences, warm, caring and safe. It is my responsibility to encourage and support teachers, build capacity and make decisions that are in the best interest of students. Every Student. Every Minute. Every Day.

We need you! Your partnership in your child's education is important and valued! We will stay in contact with you throughout the year in a variety of ways. Please be sure to sign-up for ClassDojo. Our entire school family uses this program to keep in frequent contact with parents regarding school news and events. It's also an easy way to message your child's teacher(s), school counselor and principal.

As always, I am available and can be reached at 804-224-9897 or mcoates@cbschools.net. I look forward to a wonderful and productive school year.

With Drifter Pride,

Michele K. Coates
Principal