

Dear Hynes Families:

Back to school for the 2018-19 school year is well under way. This year's theme is ***Hynes All Stars: One Team. One Mission.*** Together, we will develop strong and confident children in an academically challenging environment that has intentional social-emotional systems embedded to promote success. Our teachers have been hard at work all summer and in the early days of August preparing for this school year.

The major focus for this year will be to continue to implement the **state's standards** for all core subjects while ensuring the rigor of the standards. For Hynes families, this may mean that your child(ren) develop an approach to homework and learning which may feel a little like a struggle at first. Think about weight training, if it were too easy, one would never be able to develop stronger muscles by lifting a little heavier or a little longer each time. This is the same with the state's standards and what we are required to deliver as part of our programming. Developing a sense of sticktoitiveness is a skill that will benefit our students as a lifelong learners.

The PTO has many exciting opportunities for you to engage with our school community. Our first big event is the **Back-to-School BBQ** scheduled for Friday, September 7th from 4-7PM.

Spirit Days are scheduled for the first Friday of each month. Friday, September 7th is the first **Spirit Day**. Students may wear their favorite Hynes t-shirt to show their school pride. This is worn with uniform bottoms, uniform socks, and uniform shoes. Check out our Hynes calendar using this link <http://www.hynesschool.com/about-hynes/calendar/> for more information.

Get your child one step closer to understanding financial literacy. Hynes is proud to partner with Hancock Whitney to offer a **"Bank at School"** program. Each month, students who are registered as account holders with Hancock Whitney may bring their deposits to school on Hancock Whitney Wednesdays to engage with the local bankers and practice developing the habit of saving.

I am looking forward to working with all of you to support the growth of our students.

Mrs. Michelle Douglas

Principal/CEO