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“Reaching all students and teaching them to be successful step by step”
BJ Laughter, Principal

Oscar Robinson, Lead Teacher

December 5, 2017

Dear Bruce Drysdale Family:

I am blessed and privileged to be Bruce Drysdale Elementary School's principal. As we are nearing the mid-term of our second nine weeks, I want to give you an update about our school.

This is the fourth year the N.C. General Assembly is requiring that schools receive individual letter grades, which are comprised of student achievement (80 percent) and growth (20 percent) on state standardized assessments.

Although Bruce Drysdale met expected growth and received a “C” grade on the 2016-2017 North Carolina Report Card, it is my duty and intention to improve this grade until we are ranked an “A” school and exceed expected growth. Consequently, we have initiated an intense focus on literacy and math. A schedule to support our teachers, assistants, and tutors to best maximize interventions for students – without interfering with regular class time – remains our top priority.

While test scores do reveal some aspects of school performance, it doesn't measure the heart and work ethic of our students and staff. The Bruce Drysdale faculty and staff espouse teamwork, encourage high expectations and uncommon effort, and we pledge to renew our determination to teach, to encourage, and to understand and meet our students' individual needs.

We believe in a strong partnership with our community, and recently hosted our second annual reading night in the Green Meadows community. With over 200 in attendance, we distributed over 2,000 books and enjoyed food, fun, and fellowship.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education and well-being. Your children represent our future, and we endeavor to create the foundation for their success in the classroom, success in school activities, and success for a brilliant future.

If you would like more information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

BJ Laughter, Principal