

**Bruce Drysdale Elementary School
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“Reaching all students and teaching them to be successful step by step”

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope that you and your child are having a good school year. As a parent/guardian of a student in Bruce Drysdale School, I am writing this letter to let you know about a couple of our successes this year. With the start of school being virtual, you can imagine the enormous challenges we have faced and overcome. Our teachers and students have really stepped up and are excelling at on line learning. We are getting better each day at being able to navigate the world of virtual learning. We have hired four new teachers and a new assistant principal, Mr. Brown. We look forward to the day that we can have our school full of kids again with an eagerness to learn.

As with any success, we also target room to grow and improve. This year, Bruce Drysdale, has been designated as a Targeted Support & Improvement- Additional Targeted Support (TSI-AT) school and a Targeted Support & Improvement- Consistently Underperforming (TSI-CU) school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. As stated in ESSA Section 1111(d)(2), North Carolina had to identify schools for targeted support and improvement. TSI-AT schools in North Carolina are those that have a subgroup that is under-performing. TSI-CU schools in North Carolina are those that have a subgroup that is consistently under-performing. The intent of this opportunity is to improve educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps, increase equity, and improve the quality of instruction.

As a TSI-AT / TSI-CU school, Bruce Drysdale is required to develop a comprehensive plan that specifically addresses how the school will improve student achievement. The plan will also include how our district will support us and monitor the progress of our school. For example, our comprehensive plan will address focus on the areas outlined in our school improvement plan, which can be found on our website, or through this link:

http://www.hendersoncountypublicschoolsnc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Bruce-Drysdale-School-Improvement-Plan-2018-2020_ADA.pdf

Parent engagement is at the heart of our school improvement efforts. Here are some ways you can help:

- Make sure that both you and your student are aware of academic expectations set for your student this school year. A list of learning objectives in student-friendly language is available from your student’s teacher(s).
- Call Roderick Brown at (828)697-5568 if you have questions or concerns about your student or to set up an appointment to meet with a school staff member who will be working with your student.
- Make sure that your student is prepared and attends school each day.
- Monitor your student’s homework.
- Monitor the progress your student is making and attend meetings with your student’s teacher(s).
- Keep track of our website and social media sites: <http://www.hendersoncountypublicschoolsnc.org/bds/> , on facebook at Bruce Drysdale PTO, and @bdsbearkittens on Twitter.

Preparing our students so that they can succeed is not easy and is a group effort. If you are interested in accessing additional resources that can help your child or your child’s school, please contact your child’s teacher/s or the principal. If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Roderick Brown at (828) 697-5568.

Sincerely,
Eric Gash