

# *Howard Elementary*

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Dear Howard Families,

The 2018/2019 School year seems to have gone by so fast that I can hardly believe our students are already home for the summer.

Our staff, students, PTA, and parent community have been so supportive and have made my first year here as principal an amazing and memorable one. I couldn't have asked for a more dedicated and caring school community. I am so very proud of our school and I am so blessed to be a part of this great partnership.

It goes without saying that Howard Elementary is a school that is a model school within the highly reputable Dearborn Public Schools District. Through our school and home partnership, our students have consistently performed highly academically and I am proud to say this school year was no exception. With already high scores, our staff set out to surpass these scores, a goal that I feel that we have achieved. Our NWEA scores are on the rise and we have outperformed last year's Spring scores in 9 out of 12 grade level/subject categories and maintained our high levels of performance in the other three.

One of the most impressive aspects of Howard that I have learned this year is our focus not just on academics but also on ensuring that our students have a strong and positive school experience with many opportunities to make lasting memories while they are here. This year our students participated in several afterschool activities including but not limited to the Back to School Picnic, Halloween Party, Holiday Activities, Bingo for Books, Curriculum Night, Roller Skating, Spring Spectacular, Field Day, and End of Year Picnics, Activities, and Ceremonies, and the Martian Marathon. All of which would not have been possible without our PTA and staff.

On a school front, we have increased our focus on data driven instruction and data analysis, strengthened our School Improvement Process, improved Kindergarten registration and screening processes, successfully adopted our new Math curriculum, added student council, continued Newspaper Club, Chess Club, and Robotics, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp, Muffins for Moms, Donuts for Dads, Kindergarten Jump Start in August, and we can't forget becoming a model school for our increased safety with our traffic changes.

Again, on behalf of the Howard Staff, we want to express our appreciation for your involvement and the time you dedicate to our school. We look forward to seeing you next fall and continue to work together for another wonderful school year.

We wish you a restful, safe, and fun filled summer. Please continue to encourage your students to follow the PBIS expectations in all that they do and to continue to read for 20 to 30 minutes everyday. See you on August 26, 2019!

Sincerely,

Linda Lazar  
Proud Principal of Howard Elementary