

"There's No Place Like Bonner!"

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Dear Bonner Families,

"Just follow the yellow brick road"—we're off on a brand new adventure! Welcome to the 2025–2026 school year at **John W. Bonner Elementary**, where "*There's No Place Like Bonner!*"

As we begin this magical new year, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for the continued support, trust, and partnership you bring to our school community. Last year's "Country" theme reminded us to stay grounded, work hard, and care for one another—just like a close-knit farm family. Your children brought those values to life through their learning, kindness, and resilience. None of it would have been possible without the love and encouragement they receive from home.

This year, we're following the **Yellow Brick Road** into a world of learning, growth, and imagination! Inspired by *The Wizard of Oz*, our theme celebrates the journey each student takes in discovering their unique strengths. Along the way, we'll embrace:

- The courage of the Lion taking risks and standing tall

Just like Dorothy, our students will discover that everything they need is already inside them—and that *there truly is no place like Bonner*.

Whether you're volunteering in the classroom, cheering at events, or simply ensuring your child starts each day ready to learn, you are a vital part of our Bonner family. Together, we'll create a joyful, welcoming environment where every child feels seen, supported, and inspired.

As summer wraps up, we hope you enjoy these last sunny days making memories with loved ones. Thank you for being such an important part of our journey—we can't wait to welcome you back for a magical new year this fall!

With appreciation and excitement,

David Kirkhart-Forman

Principal, John W. Bonner Elementary Home of the Bobcats