

BIG PASTURE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT I-333

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Welcome back to another great year of learning! The beginning of the school year is always a moment of great anticipation and excitement. I would like to personally extend a warm welcome to all new and returning Big Pasture students. All students, parents, and teachers alike, experience that wonderful sense of a new beginning and a fresh start. By focusing on the new upcoming adventure of learning and growing, we can make this educational experience positive, productive, and worthwhile.

Students may naturally have a bit of anxiety and a few questions: What will my teacher(s) be like? Who will be in my class? As a parent, what can you do? First and foremost, help create a climate of positive anticipation. If your child is new to Big Pasture, take time before school begins to visit the campus, walk the halls, and begin to make the drive and the building familiar. Encourage your child to have the sense of "I can't wait to get to school." Share in the joy of the new school year and celebrate all that they will be learning. We want students, parents, and faculty to feel pride and passion toward being a part of our school community.

When school begins, I encourage parents to actively participate in the school and meet the teachers and school leaders. We want to partner with you to nurture and support your children and are happy to get to work with them. Because teachers want to have an outstanding impact on your child's education, they have dedicated much of their summer completing professional development and educational planning to make the upcoming school year the best it can be.

You will undoubtedly notice the elements of energy and momentum that are present at Big Pasture. To make the district facilities an area of pride in the community, this summer's focus for the district has included organizing, cleaning, repairing, and painting. With the \$20,000 donation from the Big Pasture Education Foundation, we have worked diligently to remodel two classrooms at the high school, renovate the gym locker rooms, and paint. Along with the impressive improvements to our facilities, the donation also funded a new Language Arts curriculum for elementary students. With the \$25,000 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) grant from Arconic, students will experience the creative use of technology and the study of robotics and engineering. Through the curriculum and resources from the grant, students will collaborate, communicate, and think creatively and critically. The skills this educational adventure will produce will have an impact on how they learn and ultimately be the key to their future success.

To the parents of our students, please know that Big Pasture is a place where home and school together make a tremendous partnership and the beneficiary of all that love and care, challenge and support, nurturing and mentoring, is your child. Helping our children gain a strong and vibrant education is a gift-- a priceless gift that will last a lifetime.

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