



Wildcats

EVOLINE C. WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Wildcat family,

Schooling during a pandemic is certainly new for all of us and I sincerely appreciate your support and patience as we navigate remote learning. We now know that we will not be coming back this school year and I understand that this is disappointing for everyone. Right now, the most important thing we can do is focus on our health and safety.

My thoughts go immediately to our fantastic fifth graders and fifth grade families. We have been together for a long time. For some of you, I have been your principal since you were in 1st grade. You have been a wonderful class and I am going to miss you all very much. While we can't have a traditional end of year ceremony, we are going to have a fun filled spirit week and are planning a virtual celebration. We want to honor you and your success before you move on to middle school.

We have had a wonderful school year. We launched One book, One Wildcat family and all read Because of Winn Dixie together. This new initiative was featured on the Fulton County Schools webpage. Our PTA Fall Festival was a huge success with record turnout and I even had the pleasure of being sprayed with silly string. Our Reading Bowl team represented us well in the competition at Autrey Mill Middle School.

As the only State STEM certified school in South Fulton County, we continue to be proud of the STEM innovation our students are experiencing in our school. Evoline C. West received recognition from the State of Georgia for continued exemplary best practices in STEM at the Georgia STEM Forum in Athens, GA. Our students competed in both the Technology Fair and Science Olympiad. We had 3 STEM showcase days where students and teachers shared our exceptional STEM program with visitors from across the state. The visitors are always complimentary of how well our students work together to solve STEM problems and communicate the solutions. They also rave about the level of engagement and instruction our students are receiving from our teachers. Our STEM night in December was a huge success, where families engaged in STEM activities and fun together.

I am so proud of our school community. It never surprises me how the EC West community pulls together to help one another. I have heard countless stories of families sharing resources and supplies with those in need and I thank you for that. I love our school and love our community. I will continue to keep you informed with the Tuesday Talk and Friday Follow-up.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me or our staff. We are here to support you.

Be well and stay safe,

Principal Burton