



*Banks School offers a safe, barrier-free learning environment where the community and school team work together to promote student success.*

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**August 16, 2021**

**Greetings Parents/Guardians:**

**Banks School is off to a great start, and we thank you for your continued support! We are Recharged, Refocused, and Ready for this school year. Although we are faced with the challenges of COVID-19, the faculty and staff here at Banks School is more committed than ever to fulfil our vision and mission: Developing confident, productive, college and career ready graduates who are able to succeed in the future of their choice. Additionally, we will continue to encourage a growth mindset.**

**Parents, I want to remind you to please read and discuss with your child/children the Pike County Schools Code of Conduct. It is very important that students understand and abide by the policies, rules, and regulations set forth by the Pike County Board of Education.**

**Also, in preparation for a smooth transition should all virtual learning become necessary, the system has built in two virtual days. The first day will be Monday, August 23, 2021. Teachers will deliver instruction virtually from the school while students are at home. Parents, please make sure your child has a device such as a laptop computer, desktop computer, iOS device/iPad, and internet service. The system does have a limited number of devices for lease at a very reasonable cost. Please contact Stephanie Snyder at 334-566-1850, ext. 81115 or visit the Banks School website ([www.banks-school.com](http://www.banks-school.com)) and complete the technology assistance form found on the homepage. You will also find Schoology login information. We will continue to update the site as the virtual day approaches.**

**Finally, parents we ask for your assistance in encouraging your child/children to wear their mask and keep their hands clean. Rest assured that we are making every effort to keep your child/ children safe while at school. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the school for assistance.**

**Your partner in education,**

**Shantell Rouse, Principal**

**I want to discuss with you the two fundraisers that are currently taking place at Banks School. First, we are asking all students to collect Box Tops. For every Box Top collected, our school will earn ten cents. This can really add up over time! In addition, the grade level that turns in the most Box Tops will receive a pizza party. Also, we have started our fall candy sale. Students in grades pre-k-7<sup>th</sup> should have brought the brochures home on Thursday. We will also be offering rewards for the top selling students and homeroom teacher. The winners will receive the following:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Top Candy Seller-\$100.00 Walmart Gift Card from the school (in addition to the prizes offered by the candy company)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Seller-\$50.00 Walmart Gift card (and additional prizes)**

**\$50.00 Wal-mart Card to the top selling homeroom teacher**

**Remember parents all funds collected are utilized to support the Banks School Vision and Mission. We hope you will join us in making these fundraisers a success! If you have any questions or concerns, please call the school. I am looking forward to a great rest of the year and a longtime partnership with both parents and the community!**

**Sincerely,**

**Shantell Rouse  
Principal**

*Banks School is dedicated to developing confident, productive, college and career ready graduates, while enabling them to become lifelong learners in a globally competitive world.*