August 10, 2018

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

It’s hard to believe that it’s that time of the year again – the beginning of a new school year! I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Toombs Central Elementary School. I am very excited about working with you and your child, and I am looking forward to a GREAT year! Your child’s education is of great importance to me and to the staff at TCES. **Attendance is an integral part of your child’s education.** If your child is absent 6 or more days from school, our entire school’s CCRPI score is impacted. Therefore, it is imperative that your child come to school on time and remain at school the entire day so that he/she has the opportunity to receive the best education possible. The school day begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 3:15 p.m. Please refrain from picking up your child early from school; he/she is missing valuable instructional time. Signing your child out early too often and/or bringing your child to school tardy to class on too many occasions are violations of the attendance policy and will be enforced. The front doors of the school will remain locked until 7:30 a.m.; no students may be dropped off before 7:30 a.m. All students must be picked up by 3:30 p.m. There are NO exceptions.

This year, the Student Handbook will be available on the Toombs County School System website. You can read it or print a copy of it at: [www.toombscountyschools.org](http://www.toombscountyschools.org). If you would like to request a hard copy of the handbook, you may contact Donna Shiver in the TCES office at (912) 565-7781, and she will send a copy home with your child in a timely manner. **Yellow forms will be sent home that MUST be completed for all children.** These forms are from the handbook, and they are required to be completed and returned no later than Friday, August 24, 2018 to your child’s homeroom teacher. The Toombs County Calendar of Events, Policies, and Procedures Manual can also be located on the school system website at the link above. This manual contains important forms and policies as well as a calendar listing important events/activities that will be occurring at our school and other schools in our system throughout the year.

I would like to have as much parental involvement this year as possible. Please try to attend our FTA Meetings, Open House, Honors Day, Field Day, Fall Festival, Book Fairs, Parental Involvement Workshops, Red Ribbon Week activities, Veterans’ Day Program, School Council Meetings, and any other activities that we offer. We allow for a variety of dates and times and program offerings to provide parents/guardians the opportunity to have the flexibility to attend at least some of the events offered throughout the school year based on your daily schedules.

**Feel free to call me any time with questions, concerns, and/or suggestions.** The TCES staff and I appreciate your cooperation and assistance. Your child receives the best education possible when you and our dedicated faculty and staff work together as a team. **Together, we can achieve WONDERFUL things. Thank you for working with us to make sure your child’s educational experience is a SUCCESSFUL one!**

This year, the TCES faculty and staff, students, and I, along with your commitment and that of the community, will definitely be “Stinging with Success!”

Sincerely,

Tonawanda Irie, Principal