

It is with great pride and excitement that I write this letter of introduction to you as the newly appointed Principal of Telegraph Intermediate. I am honored to have the opportunity to lead a school with such a rich tradition of education. I am looking forward to my fourteenth year in education and my first year at Telegraph. I am excited about this new opportunity at Telegraph as the principal. I am anxious to work with students and staff in grades 3-5, where I was as a classroom teacher. My time at Plattin Primary as Mrs. Basler's assistant principal has prepared me for this new role and I am eager to start the year!

Along with the teachers and staff, I will work hard to continue the established success by Jefferson R-VII by building strong relationships with parents, students, and the community. We will focus on character education and our motto of "Be a Better Bystander" this year, use the data to drive our instruction, and to provide implementation of the curriculum in a rigorous manner so that we can continue to increase all of our students' achievement.

I encourage you to become involved in your child's education through various modes of communication. You can continue to connecting via Twitter; you can follow one of two ways-on Twitter directly or follow us via text messages by simply texting to 40404 and type in the message Follow @TelegraphJays. Your classroom teacher will also be sharing ways to stay connected with daily/weekly in the classroom. By being connected you are aware of classroom objectives and enjoy snapshots of their "real" life learning. A goal of Telegraph Intermediate is the students moving toward the independence level. We prepare them to be accountable for their studies by filling out a daily planner, thus providing you more information about test and upcoming activities.

Opportunities for additional involvement include the R-VII Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and Parent Volunteer Program. This group is a huge supporter of your school, the students are blessed with many opportunities through the PTO. Your involvement in PTO will allow you opportunity to develop a school wide activities and meet many parents and teachers in the district. Our Parent Volunteer Program allows you to assist teacher, staff, and students in the buildings. There are many ways you can contribute to Telegraph Intermediate by being a volunteer. I encourage to attend the first PTO meeting and see if any opportunities are something of your interest.

As your Principal, it is important to me that everyone who steps through our doors-teachers, students and parents-are excited to be here! This attitude enables us to meet the challenges of academic excellence in a positive, fun, and nurturing environment. My is door is always open and I welcome your input. Please feel free to call or email me to discuss any concerns you might have throughout the school year.

Best Regards,

Mrs. Dalaria Watson, Principal