

# Promise Keepers Parent Newsletter

Promise Academy Spring Hill

**September 29, 2023**

## A Message from Principal Finley

Good Evening PASH Families—

I hope you all are doing well and staying healthy. I am so thrilled that we have made it through the first academic quarter of the year. It feels great to greet each student with a smile, provide an affirmation of success, and give them a high five for just being great. This year more than ever, we want to work closely to ensure that we continue fostering strong connections between students, teachers, and parents.



As a father, I find it extremely important that families trust their children's school and when they leave, they feel confident that their children are safe and valued. As a professional, I push myself and my staff to ensure that students find school to be supportive, fun and a place where they feel respected, heard and valued. My goal is to support students in developing a positive mindset, always learning to see things they have not "yet" accomplished instead of "can't" accomplish. The development of a child requires a team effort, inclusive of all staff members and especially our parents. As such, not only are our teachers eager to see you next Thursday for parent teacher conferences, but our Dean of Students and Guidance Counselor are ready to support our community to build relationships and establish experiences for our students and families that they will cherish for years to come.

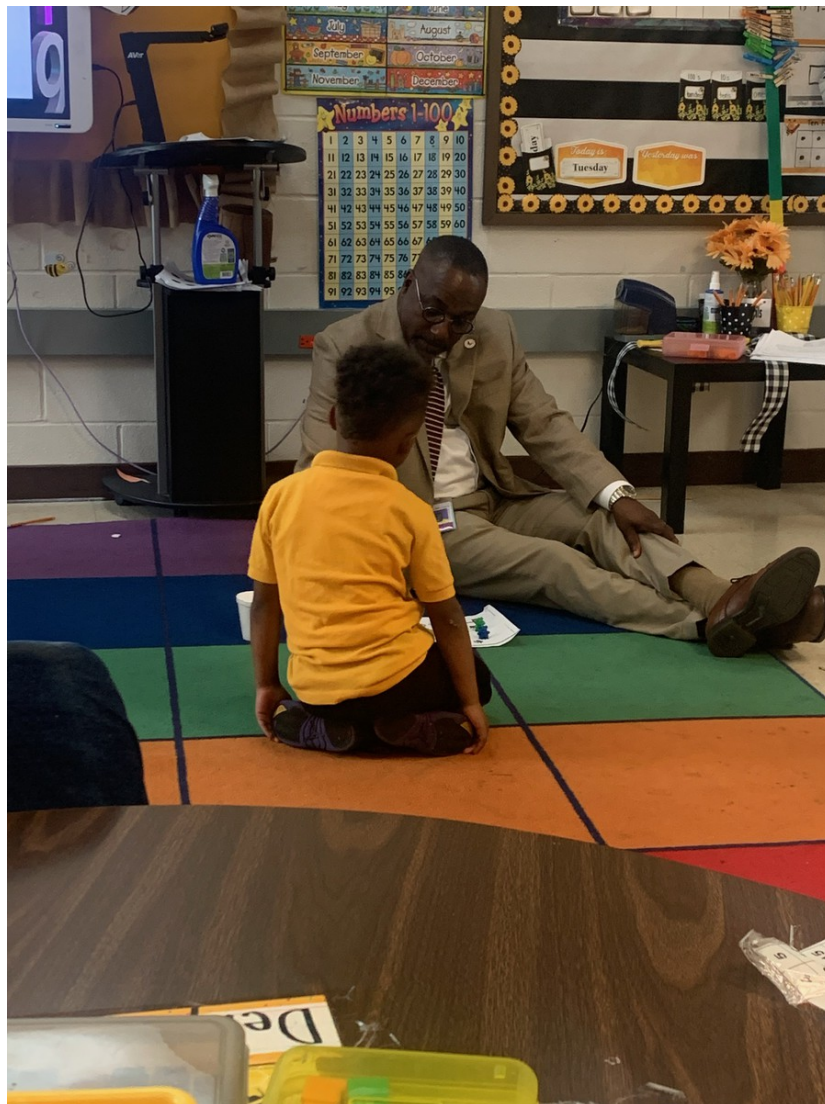
I encourage you to always remember that while we may have had some personnel changes, together, we can build strength, unity and overcome adversity. Our strength comes in working together, always putting children at the center of all we do. Our children and families have faced so much and as we move into a new school year, remember as Maya Angelou once said: "Nothing can

dim the light from within". I ask that you think about the light within each one of our children and ourselves, and work towards supporting that inner light to shine stronger each day.

My door is open and I welcome your input, so please feel free to contact me via email or call the office and schedule an appointment to meet with me. As always, you can also reach out to Assistant Principal Smith, our Dean of Students, Ms. Patterson, or our Guidance Counselor, Ms. Terry, for additional support.

Have a wonderful weekend,  
Mr. Finley, Principal

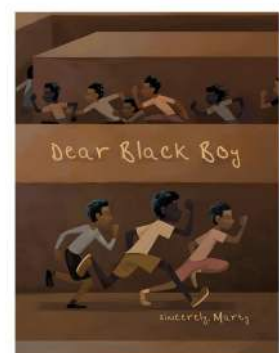
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### AP Smith's Book of the Week

Dear Black Boy is a letter of encouragement to all of the black boys around the world who feel like sports are all they have. It is a reminder that they are more than athletes, more than a jersey number, more than a great crossover or a forty-yard dash, that the biggest game that they'll ever play is the game of life, and there are people rooting for them off of the courts and fields, not as athletes, but as future leaders of the world. The same things that make these



strong beautiful black boys great on whatever playing surface they choose are the same things that will propel them forward in life: mental toughness, dedication, passion, determination, and effort are all things that carry over into the game of life. With the right preparation, every black boy can win.

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## Entering School Campus

Parents, please do not enter the campus using the one-way drive through. We have had a couple collisions this year. Please follow all road signs and adhere to the rules of the road.

## Parent Academy

Parent Academy will begin in October.

## Morning Drop-off

Students cannot arrive at school before 7:30 a.m., as there is no adult supervision for your child before that time. Your child arriving at school prior to 7:30 a.m. jeopardizes their safety. Please **DO NOT** drop your child off prior to 7:30 a.m. and leave them outside unattended.

## Arrival and Dismissal

Doors will open for students at 7:30 AM. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 AM - 8:00 AM. Students will be marked tardy after 8:00 AM. If you drop your student off after 8:00 AM, you must bring your student(s) into the main office and sign them in. **Students are to be picked up M-TH at 3:00 PM and 2:00 PM on Friday.** We have had a lot of students that are not being picked up on time. Please be mindful of our dismissal times.

## Early Dismissal

Parents, the school office closes at 2 PM, M-TH, and 1 PM on Friday. Students will not be dismissed early, after the office is closed.

## Bus Behavior

The school bus is an extension of the classroom. All students **MUST REMAIN SEATED** while on the bus. **NO PROFANITY** is allowed on the bus. **EATING AND DRINKING IS NOT ALLOWED!** Physical contact, including **HITTING, PUNCHING, PUSHING, and FIGHTING**, is prohibited. Any student misconduct on the bus can result in suspension or expulsion from the bus.

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## Upcoming Events

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3:30 PM - 6:00 PM

When?

Thursday, Oct 5, 2023, 03:30 PM

Where?

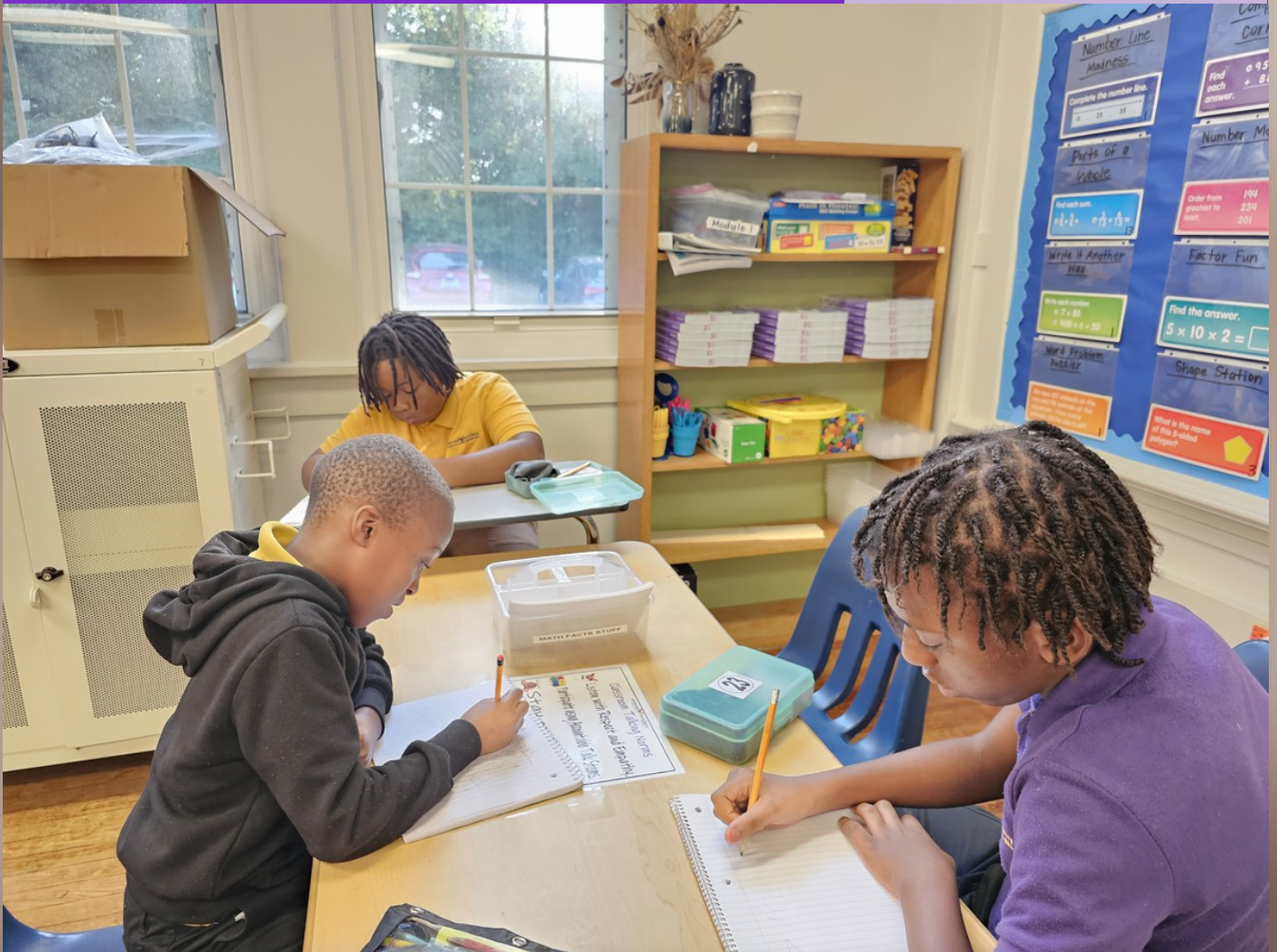
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