

On behalf of the faculty and staff, I welcome you to Jeter-Watson Intermediate School. The school is a state of the art facility - built just eight years ago with the help of the Covington City Council. JWIS houses grades four through seven. Edgemont primary school sits right beside us and we both share common areas such as the cafeteria, the auditorium, and the library. Both schools have their own full size gymnasiums and office complexes. I believe my former superintendent said it best when he said, "schools are buildings with four walls --- with tomorrow inside." With this being said, it is my job as the instructional leader of JWIS to make sure that our students have that brighter tomorrow.

We have a young, vibrant knowledgeable staff here at JWIS who will work cooperatively to create an atmosphere that is welcoming, safe, and conducive to learning for all students. For four years in a row, we have met the state benchmarks for accreditation as set forth by the State of Virginia, however, our reading scores are slipping so we must focus on that core area for the upcoming school year. For the past three years, each teacher, each student, and parent/guardian has risen to the challenge of moving JWIS forward and making it a school we all can be proud of. Yes, we want to continue being accredited but our main goal this year is to improve our overall reading ability for all our students because reading is the "KEY" to academic success! In addition to this goal, I am proud to announce that several more of our teachers will be incorporating their knowledge of "Responsive Classroom" in their classroom management practices so that we can bind together academic success with student social/emotional development. Our "Panther Pride" positive discipline plan will continue with just a few changes to the student handbook and again each grade level will elect a representative that will regularly meet with the Principal so that student ideas and input can help move JWIS toward those brighter tomorrows.

Sincerely,

*Rob Bennett, Principal*