

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 10 years ago with the help of the Covington City Council and houses grades four through seven. Edgemont primary school sits right beside us and we both have separate office complexes and full size gymnasiums but we share common areas such as the cafeteria, the auditorium, and the library. I believe my previous superintendent said it best when he said, "schools are buildings with four walls --- with tomorrow inside." With that 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 five years in a row, we have met the state benchmarks for accreditation as set forth by the state of Virginia but we realize we still have room for improvement especially in both math and reading. In order to improve our overall reading we provide three different reading interventions and in our math classes we attempt to provide a co-taught approach which teams together two different teachers who work cooperatively together to provide the required math curriculum.

Our "Panther Pride" positive discipline plan will continue with just a few changes to the student handbook with an emphasis on reducing our number of tardies and unexcused absences to school. 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.

As you can tell I am very excited about being the Principal at JWIS and ask that if you have any concerns or ideas about how to make our school better please come by for a visit or contact me by either email or by telephone. Remember, we are all working for those TOMORROWS!

Rob Bennett