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To: APA Elementary Parents/Guardians
From: Doug Jacobs, Principal APA K-5
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I cannot begin to explain how excited I am to be at APA. The opportunity to a part of the first year of the K-5 program is an honor and privilege that I do not take lightly. Together, we are creating a first class environment that will help our students to become even more prepared to enter the Pre-Academy (middle school) and the Academy (high school).

I decided to become a part of APA because of the culture that is being created here. Education today is in need of the fundamental structure that is necessary for kids to learn. That structure, I believe, is being reborn in APA. High expectations with accountability, digital curriculum, and the military theme along with a staff that truly cares about kids and their success is at the center of APA.

I believe good kids are not good kids by accident. They are good kids because we have expectations, rules, hold them accountable with rewards and consequences, and show them that we care about them. As parents, you can help your child be successful by spending time with them, not money, and supporting the school. It is extremely important that your child sees you supporting the school even when you may disagree with what the school might be doing. Students who see their parents disagree with the school and show it in volatile ways will usually continue to have trouble with academics and/or behavior. We can disagree professionally but make sure your child knows that you do support the school.

Let me tell you a little about me. I am married with two kids, a daughter who is 25 and a son who is 19. I have been in education for 31 years, 17 of those years in administration. I have coached many sports over the years, the most being varsity football. I love football and have spent a total of 25 years on the football field playing and coaching. I am a member of the Middletown Church of the Nazarene where I have attended since 1980. I am a 1980 graduate of Anderson University and did my Master's work at Ball State. I am a member of the Indiana Association of School Principals and was fortunate to be named 2011 Principal of the Year in East Central Indiana.

In closing, we ask that you as the parent or guardian continue to support us in our endeavors to teach and guide your child. My prayer is that you and your child will have a great and productive year at APA. If, however, you and your child do encounter some difficulties whether they be academic or behavioral please remember that your support even in times of disagreement goes a long way toward the improvement of your child.

Thank you for trusting us with your prized possession.

Doug Jacobs
Principal, APA K-5