



LaVillle Elementary School

David Burden, Principal

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Dear Lancer Family,

I am very blessed and honored to be your new principal at LaVillle Elementary School. Being new to the community and moving into Lakeville, I've learned first hand and witnessed the unity and family environment of this school. The staff in this building have been working hard each and every day to make this new landscape of education, with virtual learning, continue with the best educational opportunities for all students. I am confident in this team of teachers that invest their time and resources to make school engaging, fun, and high quality for kids. We are blessed in this community to have such tremendous people.

To share with you a little about my background, I have been in education for the past twelve years serving in the classroom as a 4th & 5th grade teacher in North Carolina and Indiana along with being the STEM Instructional Coach locally in Warsaw. My focus has always been on making school engaging and relevant to students so that learning becomes "sticky" and they remember their learning experiences. It is important that students leave our school ready for the world in front of them with the skills and tools to be successful wherever life takes them. School is more than just having a head knowledge, it involves teamwork, perseverance, and work ethic that will carry them through the many challenges life throws at them. We take our role in equipping students with importance and understand the responsibility we have to every child.

We understand that a school and a community work together for students. It truly takes a village to raise a child. Family involvement and communication with the school is a critical role each family plays in this effort to grow students towards success. We simply cannot do this without you. The school is here to support you. In this time of virtual learning, we understand the stress that education is imposing on families. You are not alone in this and we are here to come alongside students and families whether we are in-person, hybrid, or virtual.

I'll end this letter with a quote from a hero of mine in education, Mister Rogers. He stated, "Often out of periods of losing come the greatest strivings toward a new winning streak." We got this.

Sincerely,

David Burden
Principal, LaVillle Elementary