

Dear Families & Friends,

Let me be the first to say, "Welcome! I am glad you are a part of East CLC at Martha Avenue!" (formerly Goodyear Middle School). I am the new instructional leader of our school and I look forward to a very successful year as we transition to the first 7-12 campus in Akron Public Schools.

Many families like to know a little bit about who is in charge of their child's school. I am beginning my 28th school year. I have taught grades, Kindergarten through 8th grade in Ohio, Pennsylvania and the US Virgin Islands. I am a National Board Certified Teacher and represented Akron Public Schools as its Teacher of the Year, 14 years ago! I am married with daughters and dogs and look forward to beginning my 11th year as your school administrator.

We will begin the year a bit differently at East CLC at Martha Avenue. Your child will be immersed the first several days in setting goals and monitoring their own progress; character building and positive descriptors; understanding the rules, consequences and rewards; the school dress code; hallway behavior and voice tone along with a positive attitude and singing the school alma mater and memorizing the school mission statement. By setting high expectations and investing in these essential elements we will have a positive and successful school year. These items will be revisited the first day of each new grading period. I am also asking each child to have a red folder on the first day of school with their name clearly displayed on the folder. Items that are used during our immersion week will be stored in this folder. This folder will also be shared with you through the course of the year.

Please mark your calendars with two very important dates:

Thursday, September 9th is Open House night. This is our "Birthday Bash" as we celebrate the Re-Birth of our school and its new name. There will be a contest of voting for the best birthday cake, meeting the entire staff, explaining our immersion week, a style show of "What to Wear" and of course refreshments! Please plan to attend from 5:30-7:30 pm for a jam-packed program.

Thursday, September 30th is our first interim pick-up night and also the dedication of the new East CLC. More information will be coming about this exciting night.

The success of our school year will take commitment from your child, the student; your family supporting education and positive results, and our staff engaging your child in teaching and learning. I look forward to a great 2010-2011 school year! Please remember:

"It will be a **GOOD YEAR** at East CLC at Martha Avenue!"

Sincerely,

Nicki T. Embly