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## Welcome Back Patterson Elementary Families!

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome you to the 2025-2026 academic year at Patterson Elementary. I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer. While summer is my favorite season, I am looking forward to getting staff and students back to the building to get the year started. I am very pleased that you are a part of our amazing learning community. I value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education. I look forward to working with you and your children.

As a Leader in Me building, our students will learn the valuable lessons of leadership and what it means to be a strong leader. Throughout the academic year, our staff will teach and model the 7 Habits of Leadership. I am eager to share more about our Leader in Me and I look forward to leading our staff and students through this process. The academic success and progression of leadership skills will again be one of my top priorities for the upcoming academic year. Patterson Elementary will continue to utilize the LEAD program this academic year.

The first day of school this year is Monday, August 25, 2025. This will be a half day for students. They will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m. The typical school day will return to our previous start and end times this year. The first bell will ring at 8:40 a.m. Instruction will begin at 8:55 a.m. The students will be dismissed at 3:56 p.m. Students will not be permitted into the building prior to 8:40 a.m. Students who are bussed will be allowed off the bus at 8:40 a.m. Walkers and those who are dropped off will also be permitted in the building at 8:40 a.m. Students who are going to eat breakfast will go to the cafeteria first before heading to class. Parents of walkers can drop their child/children off at the front entrance. If you are dropping off your child/children, please make sure you remain in your car while in the drop off loop. I want to make sure our buses have the necessary access they need to successfully and safely drop off our students.

Your child's 2025-2026 teacher will be available on Skyward prior to the open house, if you have completed the Skyward verification process. Our Meet the Teacher Open House will be

Wednesday, August 20th from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Patterson Elementary. We look forward to seeing all of you soon!

Jake Haynes  
Principal Patterson Elementary