



Frank Jacinto Elementary School

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Welcome to the 2018-2019 School Year!

Dear Parents/ Guardians of our Frank Jacinto Scholars,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you and your scholar to Frank Jacinto Elementary School where our mission is to educate the whole child by providing a healthy, safe, engaging environment where families, staff, and community are supported. The time has come for your scholar's first day back to school and we are happy that you have chosen our school. We are looking forward to meeting you and working with you and your scholar this school year to make his or her school year a memorable one.

The administrative team is new to the Frank Jacinto community and we are excited to be a part of a community that is committed to ensuring our scholars receive and benefit from their educational experiences this year. Below is a brief introduction of the new administrative team at Frank Jacinto.

Turnaround Principal

Paula D. Baldwin has over 20 years of experience in education, serving 14 years as a classroom teacher and seven years in administration as a Principal and Assistant Principal in Columbus, Ohio and Cleveland, Ohio. Ms. Baldwin is a graduate of Capital University (Columbus, Ohio) and University of Dayton (Dayton, Ohio). Paula is currently enrolled in a doctoral program at Grand Canyon University.

Ms. Baldwin is committed and passionate about educating urban children and is driven daily by her belief that she is being a positive change-agent in our educational system. Paula is an advocate, dedicated to motivating and inspiring children to create their successful future.

Dean of Academics

Meisha D. Baker was in college where she was afforded the opportunity to travel to other regions and countries to study their educational systems and learn about the day to day lives of the children. She felt a connection to not just teaching, but she was determined to be an advocate for children, families, peers and public education. Ms. Baker holds a Bachelor of Arts in Human Development: Elementary Education from Antioch College and a Masters of Education in Middle Childhood Education from The University of Toledo. She also recently completed the Inspired Leaders Principal Licensure Program through Cleveland State University.

In the fall of 1996 she was hired as a 6th Grade Math & Science Teacher at Lowell Academy. She accepted "The School of Promise Award" for 6th grade 100% pass rate of Mathematics Ohio Proficiency Test. In 2005 Ms. Baker went to Longfellow Middle School where she taught 7th and 8th grade Mathematics and Success for All Reading. In October of 2011, Ms. Baker transitioned from the classroom into the role of School Improvement Grant Coach/Academic Instructional Coach. Ms. Baker is inspired by her colleagues and excited to continue to work with the dedicated educators and families of Lorain City Schools.



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Dean of Scholar & Family Engagement

Lashaun Garcia, E.Ds., she has a BA in Elementary Education, a MA in Curriculum and Instruction, and has been an educator for over twelve years, serving as a classroom teacher and administrator. She loves children of all ages and has always found a way to connect to them socially. She is excited to meet all her students, families, and the entire staff at Frank Jacinto. Although her philosophy of education centers on learning while having fun, she believes that it is important for educators to be caring, open to cultural diversity, and hold high expectations for students.

She is a student advocate who whole-heartedly believes in building relationships and exemplifying teamwork to achieve academic and social goals. As the new Dean of Family and Scholar, she hopes to continue her passion of educating by helping make a positive impact on the lives of each scholar and their family. Mrs. Garcia is a new children's author of, *Ella: Who Am I?* She is married with a three-year old son. She and her family love doing various outside activities and her favorite thing...getting ice cream!

As you can see, we are a team of professional, experienced and motivated educators ready to work with the Frank Jacinto staff, students and community. We need and appreciate the support, enthusiasm and involvement offered by the families of our Frank Jacinto scholars. We ask that you continue to support and guide the educational experience of your scholar by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience.**
- 2) Completes all homework assignments given by teachers. Check PowerSchool for missing assignments.**
- 3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills.**
- 4) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life.**
- 5) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject.**
- 6) Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school and go on to college or have a career choice in mind.**

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the school office at 440.830.4130 or stop by between the hours of 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. I look forward to meeting you and your scholar. The staff and I are proud to be partnering with you as we create successful futures for Frank Jacinto scholars!

Yours in Education,

Paula D. Baldwin



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SAVE THE DATE

“Appetizers with Administration” Back To School Social

Date: Monday, August 6, 2018

Time: 5:00-6:00PM

Location: Frank Jacinto Gymnasium

- *Meet the NEW Administrative Team
- *Enjoy light refreshments and beverages
- *Complete a Family Survey (for a chance to win a Giant Eagle Gift Card!!!)
 - *Raffle Prizes
- * There will be a 3rd Grade Reading Guarantee parent information meeting at 5:00pm.

We Hope To See You There!

