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Dear Parents,

Here we are 5 weeks into the new school year, and it has gone fast. I want to start by saying, THANK YOU for your patience and understanding as I work towards a deeper understanding of what is needed in a leader and servant at Wellston MS/HS and in the community. It is an honor and a privilege to be here and work with each student, family, and community member of Wellston Schools and Wellston.

There have been many positive experiences already starting off the year with AG, Athletics, Academics, Students, Teachers, and Parents. We have had some challenges as well, I believe these challenges are opportunities for growth and learning, for the students, staff, and myself. The most recent challenge came with an activity during Tiger Time grade level talks. Students were encouraged to use self expression with school appropriate messages with sidewalk chalk. The goal was to create a welcoming, safe, positive, respectful, and inclusive display of words and pictures. Unfortunately some students chose to put inappropriate words or pictures on the sidewalks that created an atmosphere of division.

I am asking for your help as we move forward, asking for us to work together to encourage words and actions that show acceptance, inclusion, diversity, unity, and respect among our students. From school we are doing Character Education announcements and having conversations with grade level meetings. We are beginning a peer mentoring program to help with this culture change, and will highlight a MS/HS Student of the Month who displays positive Character Traits each month. With your help from home, I believe together we can continue to build a culture of acceptance, inclusion, diversity, unity, and respect.

Please communicate to your child how impactful words and actions are, how students words and actions are what makes Wellston a positive or negative environment. Students are why each educator steps into the building everyday, our purpose is to help our students to be successful, to grow, learn, feel accepted, valued and heard. We are in this together, and with open communication we can approach any issue together, and work towards a solution.

Please feel free to reach out through email, phone call, or an in person visit if you ever have questions, or concerns.

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