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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year at Austin Peay Elementary School. The staff and I look forward to working with you to achieve our shared goal of helping your child achieve his/her potential in a setting that is motivating and challenging.

As the new school year begins, I also reflect on our basic educational beliefs here at Austin Peay Elementary. These beliefs shape our goals, our instructional strategies, programs, and environments that we provide for students.

At Austin Peay Elementary we believe that learning happens best when we demand of ourselves to promote the following:

- ❖ To have high expectations for academic success for all students*
- ❖ To ensure students take an active role in the learning process*
- ❖ To ensure engagement in quality work that requires critical thinking to meet life's challenges*
- ❖ To create a strong sense of belonging*
- ❖ To facilitate home/school/community partnerships*
- ❖ To demonstrate positive and caring attitudes that are essential to promote learning*
- ❖ To maintain a positive, safe, respectful, diverse, responsible, and prepared environment in which to learn*

To start the school year off right, let's encourage our students to come to school on time. Please note that a student is considered tardy after 7:50 a.m. It is very important that students are in school every day on time. Students that enter the instructional area after 7:50 a.m. disrupt classes and may miss out on very important morning assignments.

Please send your child's emergency card information as soon as possible. For your child's safety and protection make sure:

- ❖ All information listed is current*
- ❖ Listed is a person we can contact in case of an emergency*

Once again, I welcome back our returning parents/guardians, and look forward to getting to know and working with those of you who are new to Austin Peay Elementary School. You can always check out school information on the Austin Peay Elementary website (www.tipton-county.com/aes).

Sincerely,

Leisa Bennett