



H. Russell Swift Elementary School

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“Awesome Avengers”

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

It is with great pride and excitement that I write this letter of introduction to you as the newly appointed Interim Principal of the H. Russell Swift Elementary School. I have been dedicated to the field of education for more than forty years. My entire career was in the district of Egg Harbor Township. I began as a Middle School English teacher, and throughout my career served the district as a High School English teacher, English and World Languages Supervisor, Supervisor of Staff Development and finally I retired as the Director of Human Resources.

This year's theme, *Swift Kids are Awesome Avengers*, continues to reinforce the Swift culture of working together, helping each other, being kind, strong and proud.

The Swift staff will continue to support the district goals—improving student achievement by promoting Literacy for ALL, using STREAM education, utilizing best practices and focusing on providing our students with social-emotional learning. In addition, we will continue to improve our Climate and Culture with our Renaissance program and our Avengers theme; as well as continuing to build Community Partnerships.

As your Interim Principal, it is important to me that everyone who steps through our doors—teachers, students and parents—are excited to be here! This attitude enables us to meet the challenges of academic excellence in a positive, fun and nurturing environment. My door is always open and I welcome your input. Please feel free to call or email me to discuss any concerns you might have throughout the school year.

I look forward to working with you as a team to help each student at the Swift School meet their goals and have a successful school year.

Best Regards,

Mrs. Joetta M. Surace
Interim Principal



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Every Hand Together
Every Child Every Day!