



Dear Families at Sara Collins Elementary,

Welcome to the new 2025-2026 school year! The beginning of the school year is so exciting with new opportunities and a fresh start. Our school's theme this year is "Discover the Treasure within Sara Collins Elementary!" We will continue to focus on a strong academic program in a safe environment through the cooperative efforts of our students, staff, parents, and community. We welcome our parents, volunteers, visitors, grandparents, and special friends from our community to visit and assist us inside our school to work collaboratively for our students, staff, and school family.

Our students continue to demonstrate an increase in achievement. Our focus continues to be on learning and teaching through the GCS curriculum, resources, and pacing based on the South Carolina state standards. Our school will continue the tradition of high student achievement and growth through strong relationships among our families, students, staff members and support from our school community.

Our school provides a safe, loving, and nurturing environment where all students continue to grow and become successful in learning- academically, socially, and emotionally. Our students' successes are reflected in the strong partnerships that have been established between school and home. This is demonstrated through the remarkable collaboration, teamwork, and support provided by our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and School Improvement Council (SIC). By setting high expectations and continued collaboration, we will continue to meet the needs of all our children. Please be sure to stay informed about what is happening at our school via Parent Back Pack, messages on Phone Messenger, PTA e-Blast, teachers' newsletters, and an electronic newsletter through Smore updated by me throughout the school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melissa Burns". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Melissa" and the last name "Burns" clearly distinguishable.

Melissa Burns, Ed. D.
Principal