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### **OUR MISSION:**

The mission of Centerville Elementary is to create a **safe learning environment** focused on **academic excellence** and **high expectations for teaching and learning.**

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Dear Generals,

*Happy New School Year! We are excited to open our school doors to welcome you to the start of a new school year. This school year, Gwinnett County Public Schools believes each student has an inherent promise to reach his or her potential. Here at Centerville, we believe that with the support of our families and community, our students can look forward to a future full of promise. As we embark on this journey together we pledge to you, our students and parents, that this will be a year of engaging, meaningful and rigorous work in our classrooms, combined with special events that focus on bringing our school community together.*

*We envision Centerville being a world-class school where our students are ENCOURAGED to excel both academically and behaviorally; EMPOWERED to discover their strengths; and MOTIVATED to realize their full learning potential. We are determined to deliver excellent reading, mathematics and writing instruction, and we will continue to create a **safe learning environment** focused on **academic excellence** and **high expectations for teaching and learning.***

*We extend a special, yearlong invitation to our families to join us at school activities and events whenever possible. We need...and we value your involvement and support in your child's education! Your active participation is key to the success of our young Generals during their elementary school years.*

*Our school motto is "Excellent on Purpose", so we ask that you guide and support your child's learning 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*
- 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 subject*
- 6) *Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school*

*Our staff of highly qualified professional educators and support personnel is committed to providing our students many opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom. We invite and encourage parents to work in partnership with us. Please consider joining our school's PTA as our students can greatly benefit from your involvement and contributions to the school's program and its operations.*

*We look forward to a very positive and productive year together! Again, we welcome you to our wonderful learning community...a place where we are working hard to be "Excellent on Purpose".*

*Sincerely,*

*Bonita B. Banks*  
Principal