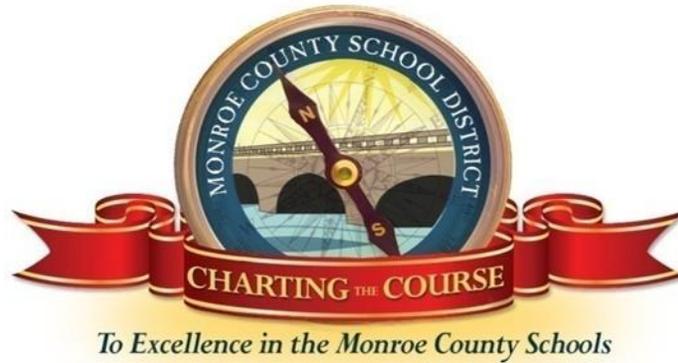


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Dear Horace O’Bryant Parents, Students, and Families,

Welcome Back to the 2016-2017 school year! A special congratulations as Horace O’Bryant recently received a “B” school grade designation with increased accountability, expectations, and rigor. I hope everyone had a restful and fun-filled summer. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and share a few thoughts about the upcoming school year. As any transition or change can be challenging, I look forward to spending this school year with an outstanding group of teachers, staff, and students, and I ask for your candid input and community support to foster success. Our schoolwide theme this year is “HOB—we’re ALL in!”

As I enter my 23rd year as a Monroe County School District Employee, I am blessed to have spent eight years as a teacher and Student Activities Director at Key West High School followed by eight years as the KWHS Assistant Principal. For three years I worked as the Director of Accountability and Assessment, traveling the Keys district wide observing best practices from Key Largo to Key West. Most recently, I was the Principal of Poinciana Elementary School. I have four children in our schools.

I am excited to be a part of the fantastic Horace O’ Bryant family. On Tuesday, August 16th, we will conduct the Meet the Teacher from 1:00-2:30 PM.

I would appreciate any feedback, recommendations, ideas, or thoughts you may be willing to share via email, personal visit, or a note. The SAC (School Advisory Committee) & PTO will be meeting the 4th Tuesday of the month at 8:15 AM. I look forward to an outstanding school year and have high expectations for student achievement and life-long learning.

One of my personal visions and reflections is the following. Passion, Purpose, and People.
Thank you again for the wonderful opportunity to join an incredible community family.

“I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.” Mother Theresa

Yours truly,

Christina McPherson
Principal