

Dear Bulldog Parents and Students,

We are once again quickly approaching the end of another school year! Our final day of school this year is May 24, *the Friday before Memorial Day!* My hope is that the 2018-19 school year has been an enjoyable & meaningful learning experience for everyone at SMS. Congratulations to all of our students as well as our parents - for completion of an exciting year filled with many achievements.

I would like to express thanks and best wishes to our departing 8th graders for your positive contributions to SMS. Hopefully, you head off to high school with fond memories, strong friendships, and many valuable lessons. Good luck to all of you, no matter your high school destination – GO Cougars, GO Knights, GO Panthers!!!

It is now time for the rising 6th and 7th graders to take the lead here at SMS. Take time to enjoy your summer vacation, and return in August (first day of school for 2019-20 is August 12!) ready to make our school an even better place. I am confident that you will arrive with minds set for even greater accomplishments in the coming school year. I know that our staff will anxiously await your arrival in August as we prepare for future success.

Finally, I would like to share a word of gratitude to all of the parents for your support. We are all partners in your child's education and their growth as a young man or young woman. Your support is critical and I appreciate all that you do for your child *and for our school community*. Spotsylvania Middle School is an amazing place to be only because of the wonderful people that make up our school community – great students, great parents, and great staff members. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to excellence. It is definitely a TEAM effort at SMS.

TEAM – Together Everyone Achieves More!

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer. **GO BULLDOGS!!!**

Lane Byrd, Principal