



# Lovejoy Elementary

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Dear Families,

Welcome back to another great school year! I hope you all had a safe and eventful summer. I am very thankful to be the newest member of the Lovejoy family. We are looking forward to providing a safe and positive environment for our students to actively learn. We have high expectations for our students in the areas of academics and behaviors. We know that you have high expectations for our students as well. We are proud of our new technology initiatives, for this school year, in which Chromebooks will be available in each of our classrooms (1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>) and an IPAD with each kindergarten teacher. Our goal is to develop lifelong learners who will become technology savvy citizens with high character. As the new school year begins, we will continue to focus on the Common Core Standards, student growth in all areas and improved technology skills.

The Lovejoy Staff has put in a lot of time, already, preparing for the upcoming school year by attending professional development meetings as well as setting up their classrooms to provide a positive learning climate for kids. We encourage our students to focus on good behavior in all settings. Positive behaviors will be modeled by the entire Lovejoy family. Through PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports), good behavior will be reinforced and recognized to help ensure the safety of all of our Lovejoy Lions.

We are pleased to announce that Lovejoy Elementary has been picked to represent the Alton School District for a pilot program, "Blessings in a Backpack Program", sponsored by Simmons Employee Foundation. We are looking forward to our new partnership.

We hope to see you at the Open House on August 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30PM – 7:30PM. You will have an opportunity to visit your classroom and drop off your school supplies. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please feel free to call me at 433-7400 ([jducey@altonschools.org](mailto:jducey@altonschools.org)).

**GO LIONS!!!!**

*John Ducey and The Lovejoy Staff*

**The Stay in School-Back to School Rally**

Saturday August 10, 2013 10:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. James Killion Park

**Lovejoy Elementary Open House**

Monday, August 19, 2013 6:30 P.M.-7:30 P.M. Lovejoy Gym

**First full-day of school**

Tuesday, August 20, 2013 8:00 A.M. – 2:25 P.M.