Greetings East Garner Elementary School community. This is your child’s Physical Education teacher Mr. Pirrocco. I am excited to get this year started. I am confident that this course will be a great experience for your child to develop knowledge, skills, and positive feelings towards living a healthy and active lifestyle.

For the first 2 classes of Physical Education, I have discussed my expectations with the students so that I can set them up for success in Physical Education. I would like to briefly share with you those expectations so that your child can have conversations with you about these expectations. My expectations for my students are aligned with our school’s MAPS Expectations. I expect my students to make choices that have safe and positive results, do their best when they come to class to learn new skills, practice self-control by raising their hand to speak; being attentive when someone is talking; and moving with self-control in the gym, and showing respect by using kind language and being supportive of their peers.

Your child was told what to expect if these expectations are not met. I will first give a warning if a student is not conducting themselves in an appropriate manner. If the behavior does not improve I will ask the student to sit at the “Refocus Desk” located in the gym. This is a time for the student to think about what they are doing and how their behavior needs to change. I then have a conversation with the student about this. When a student is still not behaving in line with my expectations I will send home a “Behavior Alert” to be signed by their parent or guardian alerting you what has been taking place in class. If your child comes home with this form, please have a discussion with them about their behavior, sign the form and your child will return the form to me. I keep these forms on file throughout the year.

Your child’s safety is highly important to me and a part of being safe in Physical Education is wearing appropriate sneakers. I ask that you help me in making sure your child is prepared for class with sneakers. **Not wearing sneakers has NO impact on their grade**. It is a safety concern for me. If I feel that what your child is wearing on their feet is unsafe for class (ex. Flip-flops, sandals, boots, heels) then I will find a safer alternative for the student. **This is not a punishment**.

If you have any questions throughout the year please feel free to contact me at [apirrocco@wcpss.net](mailto:apirrocco@wcpss.net) or calling the school at 919-773-7411.

Sincerely yours in Education,

Mr. Pirrocco

Physical Education Teacher