

## **Education is a Team Effort**

School supplies, lunch kits, new sneakers they will outgrow in a matter of months...this is what is on the minds of parents right about now. Wonder what is on the minds of our local teachers, counselors, principals, superintendents and other school district staff? Your kids.

As the husband of a primary school counselor, I can tell you they are thinking of your kids. They have utilized their summer to prepare for the little minds they will have a hand in shaping. What an honor to have a part in educating the next generation, and I know it is one that is not taken lightly. As you drop your kids back off at school later this month, don't forget to thank their teachers, the school secretaries, the principals and all the other school staff members who are caring for our children.

Many local school districts will have opening convocations for their faculty and staff. The Woodland Heights Medical Center team members always enjoy the opportunity to attend these events meant to encourage, motivate and lift up our educators as they get ready for our children. Educating tomorrow's workforce is a team effort and it is a relief to know we are all on the same team: the success of our children...let us not forget this as we enter the new school year that will be full of emotions. Good luck, students. Good luck, parents. Good luck, teachers.

In closing, Woodland Heights Medical Center was honored to be named Best Hospital and Best Place to Have a Baby by Lufkin Daily News readers last week. Additionally, one of our surgical services nurses, Leah Ralston, was named Best Nurse. On behalf of Woodland Heights, thank you for the honor and the confidence in us as we continuously strive to offer the best in quality care to the patients of deep East Texas.

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