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Capitol Elementary to launch House System with House Selection Celebration

BATON ROUGE, La. — The East Baton Rouge Parish School System gladly invites you to a new tradition taking shape at Capitol Elementary.

The school, 4141 Gus Young Ave., will officially launch the House System with a selection celebration set for 8:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 28.

Inspired by the innovative school culture and House System made famous by the Ron Clark Academy of Atlanta, Capitol's House System is designed to build school pride, leadership, teamwork, positive relationships and a strong sense of belonging among students and staff.

"It's for school culture," said Capitol Principal Karla Johnson. "It's a positive way to reinforce the different things in our school. It brings positive energy to our school because we are cheering each other on. Even if your house doesn't win, it's cheering each other on and motivating everybody to do their best in every category."

Throughout the school year, students and staff will compete in house challenges, earning points for academics, demonstrating positive behaviors and a variety of other activities.

"We're tying it to attendance. We're tying it to positive things you do around the school," Johnson said. "We're challenging parental involvement. We're bringing it in for fundraising. We're bringing it in for academics. We're trying to do so many things to overall make the school successful."

Capitol Elementary's four houses are:

- Altruismo — black — representing givers.
- Amistad — red — representing friendship.
- Isibindi — green — representing courage.
- Reveur — blue — representing dreams.

The House System has already been introduced to Capitol's staff as part of the school's effort to establish its culture from the start of the school year.





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The Aug. 28 celebration will officially reveal house assignments for Capitol's 400 students and invited district leaders. The event will feature house colors, music, cheers and friendly competition.

Following the house selection, district leaders will make a commitment to Capitol through a ceremonial signing, pledging to champion, encourage and support the school's students and school community throughout the year.

"It is an opportunity for our students to see that they have an entire team of leaders cheering them on and invested in their success," Johnson said.

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