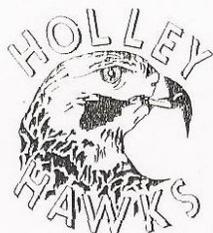


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Dear Parents,

The staff of Holley Elementary would like to welcome our new and returning students and parents to the 2016/2017 school year. We hope you had a fun and relaxing summer and are ready for the new year. We are looking forward to an exciting year filled with learning, growth and fun for our students.

We will continue with pretty much the same schedule this year. The school day will run from 7:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. for all students. Students are welcome to be dropped off as early as 7:15 (please not earlier as there is no supervision before 7:15 a.m.). The School District provides a free breakfast to any student who wishes to eat when they arrive in the morning.

Holley will have one new staff member this school year. We want to welcome Katelynn Duggan (2nd / 3rd Grade) to the Holley Family, Our class configurations will be as follows:

Cheryl Thireault – Kindergarten

Joanna Reisbick – First Grade & Second Grade

Katelynn Duggan – Second Grade & Third Grade

Richard Sugerman – Fourth Grade

Brett Bowers – Fifth

Caryn Wise – Sixth Grade

Elizabeth Beckett – Resource Room

Christina Saveskie- Speech & Language

Susie Routes - Counselor

I am here all day as a Half Time Principal and Half Time Title 1 reading Teacher. I am happy to meet with parents anytime. Please feel free to contact the office to set up an appointment.

As always, we appreciate the active support parents play in their child's education. We stress the importance of reading as a strong foundation in all areas of education. It's amazing the difference in a child's academic achievement when parents take an active interest in their child's school work. Having a designated time and place for homework, sitting with your child for 15 to 20 minutes every night and reading to them or having them read aloud to you makes a huge difference. Ask your child what they did in school that day. Don't be surprised if the first few times you ask, their response is lacking in details. Ask them specific questions about what they are doing in math, science, social studies, etc. Check their homework nightly. Most of our teachers do have homework nearly every

night. This will help prevent your child from falling behind. If you are not seeing homework or if you have questions, please call or email their teacher...do not wait.

Working together and good communication are two of the most important actions we can take to insure the success of your child. Communication between home and school is so important. We send out a monthly newsletter on the back of the lunch menu. This newsletter will inform you about school wide events for the month. Teachers also send notes home about things specific to their classroom on a regular schedule. We also post current information on the District's website (www.sweethome.k12.or.us) as well as on our Facebook page.

There will be many opportunities throughout the year for parents to get involved. We would like to invite all parents to participate in our wonderful PTC. Meeting times are staggered, to allow for working parents to attend and become involved. We realize it's hard to participate in every event that comes along. However, if parents can commit to helping with at least one or two events throughout the year, it really helps! If your schedule permits, we encourage parents to volunteer in the classroom or help chaperone on field trips. We will send home a packet of materials on the first day of school. This packet contains important papers which need to be filled out and returned. Volunteer/Criminal Background Checks need to be updated yearly, as do the Student information sheets and free/reduced lunch applications. It's important we have current contact information for you in case your child becomes ill or injured at school.

Mrs. Brown and our summer work crew, have been working hard all summer cleaning, painting and getting the building ready for students. Teachers have been working in their classrooms and getting lesson plans prepared. We have met as a staff to outline our goals for the 2016-17 school year, and are ready and very excited to make this school year the best possible for your child.

We are holding a pancake breakfast for parents and students on the first morning (starts at 7:15 a.m.). We hope to see you there – and as always, feel free to call, email or drop in during the school year. When parents and school staff work together, we can provide the opportunity for your child to achieve great things. I look forward to a GREAT year at Holley!

Sincerely,

Todd Barrett, Principal