

## **BRIDGEWATER ELEMENTARY**

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## Dear Bridgewater Staff:

It is that time again! It won't be long until the students return once again to Bridgewater. I hope you are having a good summer. There are a few people that I would like to welcome to the Bridgewater family: Melissa Shepherd-fourth grade teacher, Tony Seidl-second grade teacher, Alexi Thompson-Special Education Teacher, Jamie Moyer-Special Education Teacher, Amy Randall-Speech & Language Pathologist, Claudia Perez-Reading Corp, Molly Ericksen-School Psychologist, Lucy Baquero Orja-Fernbrook Worker, Inger Hanson-RTI Instructional Coach, Lucy Archibald-School Nurse, Bonnie Johnson-Special Education Due Process Clerk, and returning in a new capacity is Adam Danielson-Behavior Specialist.

Robin and Jennifer have been busy working hard to get placement letters in the mail and supplies sorted for the beginning of the school year; their work is greatly appreciated! Ron and his crew have the rooms cleaned and the building sparkling for the beginning of the year with the addition of PLUS this summer; they are incredible! A big thank you to the STEAM Team for all of their work over the summer preparing for the innovation needs of students and staff!

In addition to this letter, Mary Hanson will be sending out information for Workshop Week via email. I will email class lists to you and will continue to send revisions as they take place. The Master Schedule and Conference Dates will also be sent. Please let me know if you have questions, or if you see any errors that can be corrected before school begins.

Many teachers have been busy over the summer attending professional development opportunities and working on details to make the school year go well for students. We have an outstanding staff at Bridgewater and together we continue to make great things happen for students every day! I am very proud to work with such a great group of educators!

Our start and end times this year are 7:35 a.m. - 3:35 p.m. with the student day from 8:20 a.m. - 3:20 p.m. PLC meetings will be held on Wednesday mornings from 7:35 a.m.-8:35 a.m.

Ready, Set, Go Day will take place on Wednesday, August 31st. We will lay out all the plans during our staff meeting on Tuesday, August 30th. School pictures are scheduled for the same day as Ready, Set, Go Day on Wednesday, August 31st, and this information has been shared with parents. Staff pictures are taken the same day.

I am slowly working my way back to full time after having a second knee replaced this summer. This one is going much better and I am actually done with physical therapy! Yay! I'm not fast, but I can get places in the building. It is so nice to have these procedures behind me and I look forward to a great school year.

Take care and enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Nancy Antoine Bridgewater Elementary Principal