

## GREENVALE PARK ELEMENTARY

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Dear Greenvale Park Elementary Staff,

Welcome back to Greenvale Park and the 2017-2018 school year! This is an important letter as it signifies we are approaching the start of a brand new school year. In my short time here, I have heard a common theme: Greenvale Park is filled with dedicated and professional educators making a huge impact on students' lives. The students deserve our best and need the entire staff to be outstanding as we begin a new chapter in the school's history. It is an honor to serve the students and families at this school and I am excited to start this new journey with you. It is a great time to be a Gecko!

The new year will bring opportunities for change and important decisions for the future. The upcoming school year also brings several new faces to the school. We will work hard to connect faces and names as we return to school. We are fortunate to have so many talented individuals to support those joining Greenvale Park for the first time. Please help me welcome the following staff members to Greenvale Park:

Ruben Alvarez-5th Grade
Joy Amunrud-Social Worker
Caitlin Bushey-Special Education Teacher
Ilana Forsgren-Child Nutrition Associate
Ren Kurtz-Art
Renee Malecha-Administrative Assistant

Bruce McWilliams-Band LTS
Whitney Sannes-Speech Pathologist
Brad Skapyak-Custodian
Meili Soto-Perez-Child Nutrition Associate
Lynsi Sherry-School Psychologist
Deb Thomforde-Reading Support

The first week will be a great opportunity to reconnect with colleagues and prepare to welcome over 500 students. The all district welcome is on Tuesday, August 29th at 7:30 a.m. at the Northfield Middle School. Our first meeting as an entire group will be on Tuesday, August 29th at 10:00 a.m. The entire schedule for Workshop Week 2017 is linked in the email message and will be posted next week for all staff.

As you return from your summer adventures, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to working with you to make this a successful school year!

With excitement.

Sam Richardson, Principal Greenvale Park Elementary School