

August 6, 2014

Dear Bridgewater Staff:

It's not long now 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: Suzanne Lanza-first grade Compañeros Teacher, Anna (Spencer) Rubin-second grade Compañeros Teacher, Erin Hall-Kindergarten Teacher, Dustee Armstrong-half-time fourth grade Teacher, Mary Bleckwehl-Second Grade Long-Term Substitute Teacher, Brittni Kuehl-Kindergarten Long-Term Substitute Teacher, Judi Vitito-RTI Coach, Tiffany Wells-Math Corp, Mary Stanchina-Educational Assistant, Andrea Waldock-Educational Assistant, Anna Poch-Amity Intern, and a school nurse to be named. Rachel Utesch and Jen Deplazes have resigned over the summer and we will miss them both.

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; they are amazing! The tech team has also been busy with the Northfield Innovative Project and preparing for the iPad distribution to the secondary students. A big thank you to everyone that has lead classes, and helped to increase the knowledge of staff across the district! Welcome to Kim Briske our new Director of Technology Services!

Enclosed with this letter you will find a general outline for Workshop Week. I will email class lists to you and will continue to send revisions as they take place. The Master Schedule and Conference Dates are also included. Please let me know if you have questions, or if you see any errors that can be corrected before school begins. Our kindergarten numbers are high, and that is the reason for the additional section of kindergarten this fall. I wasn't excited about having kindergarten classes higher than 25 per class, so we made a little change before placement letters were sent out to parents.

Many teachers have been busy over the summer attending professional development opportunities and working on the language arts scope and sequence.. We have a small group preparing to pilot a new language arts curriculum this fall as well; it will be interesting to see the results at the end of the school year. We have an outstanding staff at Bridgewater and together we continue to make great things happen for students every day! Our PTO leaders have also been at work this summer, and don't be surprised if you see heavy equipment working on a playground addition soon; this is so exciting after our successful Boosterthon!

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 Thursday, August 28. We will lay out all the plans during our staff meeting on Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. School pictures are scheduled for the same day on Thursday, August 28, and this information will be shared with parents.

Take care and enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Nancy Antoine  
Bridgewater Elementary Principal