

August 8, 2018

Dear Bridgewater Staff:

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! I hope you are having a good summer. There are a few people that I would like to welcome to the Bridgewater family: Megan Wheelock-Special Education Teacher, Roanne Johnson-Special Education Teacher, Jessica Levy-Special Education Teacher, Paige Haley-Long-Term Substitute for Jen Allison, and Evelyn Burciaga-Reading Corp. I would also like to welcome Linda Temple back to Bridgewater!!

Robin and Jennifer have been busy working diligently to get placement letters in the mail and supplies sorted for the beginning of the school year; their work is greatly appreciated! Jeff and his crew have the rooms cleaned and the building sparkling for the beginning of the year.

In addition to this letter, Mary Hanson will be sending out information for Workshop Week via email. I have emailed class lists to classroom teachers, and I 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! I can't wait to start working with our learners this year!!

I had the honor to attend two national conferences this summer, and was thrilled to work on my own professional development to become a better leader. The National School Discipline Conference was so good, that I asked Adam Danielson and Tyler Faust to attend the same conference in July. We hope to bring this material back to you in a format that will complement the work that we are already doing with PBIS and our SEL program. I also want to have the time to discuss the work of Daniel Pink on timing when it comes to testing our students and make sure that we are providing them the best opportunity for success. There is so much to learn, but I am also very aware of how much we can handle at one time. We will go slow to go far.

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 29th. We will lay out all the plans during our staff meeting on Tuesday, August 28th. School pictures are scheduled for the same day as Ready, Set, Go Day on Wednesday, August 29th, and this information has been shared with parents. Staff pictures are taken the same day, so please be ready to smile for the camera. Staff will be allowed to take pictures first thing in the morning before the students.

Take care and enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Nancy Antoine  
Bridgewater Elementary Principal