

August 8, 2012

Dear Bridgewater Staff:

It is less than a month until the magic begins once again at Bridgewater. I hope you are having a relaxing and enjoyable summer. There are a few people that I would like to invite you to welcome to the Bridgewater family: Darren Lofquist-Second Grade Teacher, Linda Temple-Third Grade Teacher, Sarah Klemmensen-School Psychologist, Wendy Shampine-EBD Teacher, Natalie Czech-Resource Room Teacher, Annette Ceretta-Occupational Therapist, Patsy Ophaug- Resource Room Teacher, Gerry Johnson-Media Specialist, Hope Langston-RTI Coach, Andrew Gilbertson-RTI Coach, Kris Johnson-Title Teacher, and Silvia Monreal Ruano-Amity Intern.

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! The tech crew has also been busy training teachers to use their new iPads; it is exciting to learn new ways to connect with students. A big thank you to everyone that served on the technology committee for your vision and implementation plan! We also have a crew in the building installing security cameras in hopes that they will serve as a deterrent.

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, Lunch/Recess Schedule and Enrollment Projections are also included. Please let me know if you have questions, or if you see any errors that can be corrected before school begins. We are still working with our kindergarten enrollment, and this may result in some minor revisions. Thank you for understanding!

Many teachers have been training over the summer with Responsive Classroom, Response to Intervention, iPads, literacy, and other areas. It will be exciting to put all of these strategies to work with our students this fall. It will also be a great opportunity to share what you have learned with others. I am looking forward to the new school year working side by side along with supporting our talented staff in action. We have an outstanding staff at Bridgewater and together we continue to make great things happen for students every day!

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.

Please bring your iPad to the first staff meeting. I won't be printing copies of the staff meeting agendas since you will all have an iPad to download the agenda. This will hold true for most committee meetings as well. ☺

Take care and enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Nancy Antoine
Bridgewater Elementary Principal