

August 5, 2011

Dear Bridgewater Staff:

It is less than a month until we are back in the swing of action in the halls at Bridgewater. I hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. There are a few people that I would like to invite you to welcome to the Bridgewater family: Erik Swenson-Fifth Grade Compañeros teacher, Brittany Rathbun-First Grade teacher, Melissa Reed-School Psychologist, Stephani Parlin-EBD Teacher, Melissa Larsen-Social Worker, Greg Sumner-Occupational Therapist, Karleen Sherman-Special Education Resource Room teacher, Lauren Zwolenski-Second Grade teacher, and Nina Mora Bosch-Amity Intern. I have a Title position and an Educational Assistant for Special Education yet to hire, and then we should be completely staffed for the year.

Robin and Jennifer have been working like busy bees 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 installing SMART Boards and bringing in new computers for many teachers; it is exciting to have our model classroom project completed. A big thank you to everyone that served on the technology committee for your vision and implementation plan!

Enclosed with this letter you will find a general outline for Workshop Week. I have emailed 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.

Many teachers have been training over the summer with Gifted Education, Responsive Classroom, Response to Intervention, S.M.A.R.T., 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. I will be working on the Committee Schedule this month and will email it to you upon my completion.

Take care and enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Nancy Antoine  
Bridgewater Elementary Principal