

August 6, 2013

Dear Bridgewater Staff:

It is less than a month until the students return once again to 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: Sara Anderson-fifth grade Compañeros Teacher, Jamie Wiebe-School Social Worker, Brad-Custodian and Gilma Cuervo Fonseca-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 with Tech Tuesdays and preparing for the iPad distribution to the secondary students and elementary teachers. 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 will email class lists to you and will continue to send revisions as they take place. The Master 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. The kindergarten numbers are down across the state, and I believe there are several reasons for this starting with the economy five years ago. Thank you for understanding!

Many teachers have been training over the summer with Responsive Classroom, Cognitive Coaching, iPads, Kindergarten Convention, 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.

Ready, Set, Go Day is new this year and will take place on Tuesday, August 27. We will need help from everyone to make this day successful. School pictures are scheduled for Thursday, August 29, and this information has been shared with parents.

Take care and enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Nancy Antoine
Bridgewater Elementary Principal