

August 12, 2015

Greetings Greenvale Park Faculty and Staff!

With this letter I would like to officially begin our school year and welcome you once again to an exciting opportunity to make a difference in someone else's life.

Now starting my ninth year at Greenvale Park, I would also like to use this letter to tell you why I am so pleased to be part of this district. Northfield's schools are considered to be among the finest in the nation. They are routinely recognized for educational excellence. Such recognition doesn't occur by chance. It is the result of three things: motivated students, motivated families, and motivated faculty/staff.

I believe that the real strength of the Northfield Public Schools lies in the collective talents of an exceptionally well-trained and dedicated faculty and staff. As a faculty/staff member, you have a very important job in an outstanding school system. While I publicly proclaim the classroom teacher's role in the successful schooling of children, anyone who has worked in a public school knows that parents, volunteers, office support staff, child nutrition staff, teacher assistants, custodians, and bus drivers play vitally important roles in creating a school environment that is safe, clean, and conducive to student learning. In Northfield, all jobs are important and each of us contributes directly to the welfare of our children. Please keep this in mind.

We will soon be gathering together between 7:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. on August 31, 2015 for our first faculty/staff meeting. ***We plan to have a pot luck breakfast so please plan on bringing a dish or drink of some sort to share with the staff. Call Donna Hall at 507-645-3501 to find out what we need.*** When you arrive you'll find new faces. Hourly employees can use Time Clock Plus for these two hours.

To assist you in finding your way around on the first day back, I am including a personnel roster, map of the building, and a snap shot of the first four days back. They can be found on the district web page. On August 20, 2015, I will be mailing letters to parents regarding classroom placement and with information regarding Ready, Set, Go day (September 2, 2015).

I sincerely appreciate the work you are about to set upon for the next school year. I give thanks for the great care and empathy shown by all to our students, families, and colleagues. On behalf of our children and families I hope you have a blessed, safe, and fun vacation for the remainder of the summer. I look forward to seeing everyone back.

All My Best
David Craft, Principal
Greenvale Park Elementary School