

FROM MRS. SMITH'S DESK

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NEW STAFF

Ms. Harley Davis will teach on our 3rd grade team.

Ms. Amanda Cotter will teach on our 5th grade team.

Mr. Chad Parisi will be our new school counselor.

Mrs. Marisa Bradford will be our new resource room teacher.

PARENT PICK UP & DROP OFF

In the morning, when dropping your child off for school, please be aware of traffic moving by on your passenger side. If you need to go into school, please park in the spaces and not in the "No Parking" areas nearest the curb. The teacher is on duty at 7:15, so that is the earliest students may be dropped off in the morning.

After school, parent pick up is in the WES lobby. The person picking up the child will need to sign in at the podium and transfer will occur in front of our duty teacher, Mrs. Chapin.

Our goal is to ensure that all students are safe. Thank you for your help.

Welcome to the 2018-2019 School Year!



Dear Families of Williams Elementary School Students!

I hope this letter finds all of our families enjoying the gorgeous summer! You are probably having fun swimming, playing games and going on fun adventures. I have had fun spending time with my family. We've been fishing, working in our garden, swimming and enjoying the sunshine. It has been a wonderful summer.

I'd like to welcome families new to Williams and returning families to a new school year. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education.

We have two goals for the 2018-2019 school year:

1. Because 9.7% of our students were tardy last year, 18.7% of our students were truant, 26.2% of our students were approaching chronically absent and 9.8% were chronically absent, we have a goal to focus on reducing our tardy students and our absences this school year!
2. As mentioned above, we want all of our children to meet their highest potential in the areas of reading, mathematics and problem solving; therefore, we are setting the goal of moving 5% more students into the meets and exceeds categories in their assessments! This year we will be increasing our math block to 70 minutes which will allow for more skill review, multiplication facts practice, direct instruction, math discussions and problem solving activities. Our staff will be participating in book talks focused on formative assessment in both mathematics and reading.

We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experiences
- completes homework

IMPORTANT DATES

August 27 - Open House, Curriculum Night, and Pizza Dinner, 5:00PM - 7:00PM

August 29 - First day of school for students in grades K - 6 and 9!

August 29 - Red Carpet Please join us for our Red Carpet Event at 8:00AM as we welcome our students to the 2018-2019 school year.

August 29 - RSU 18 School Board Meeting, 7:00PM, Central Office

September 3 - NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

September 4 - NorthWest Educational Assessments (NWEA) for grades 3, 4, & 5 will begin - testing occurs throughout the month

September 25 - Early Release Day - students dismissed at noon.

September 28 - School Picture Day



- reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school days

Last year our “Fly Like an E.A.G.L.E.” code was developed. Our Eagle Code encourages our children to be a leader in our community by being **E**ngaged in their learning, having an **A**wesome attitude, maintaining a **G**rowth mindset, actively **L**istening and giving 100% **E**ffort each day at WES. We want all staff and students to “Fly Like an E.A.G.L.E.” each and every day. To keep this important code fresh, ask your child to reflect on ways that he/she was an Eagle during their day or the past week and to share with you. It is important to celebrate our children. We celebrate our eagles by shout outs in principal and classroom newsletters, during morning announcements, selecting an Eagle of the week for each grade level and having Eagle luncheons.

The wonderful Williams Elementary School staff and I feel privileged to be a part of this school family. We thank you for your support and look forward to seeing returning families and meeting our new families on August 27 at our Family Pizza Dinner, Open House and Curriculum Night.

Enjoy the final weeks of summer. Stay cool. :)

Educationally Yours,

Melanie Smith, Principal of Williams Elementary School



ATTENDANCE

If your child is absent, please call or send a written note to the office upon his/her return stating why he/she was absent. We are required to report unexcused absences to the State, so these notes are really important. This year, we will be contacting all families whose children are marked absent unexcused. Thank you!

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL PACKETS

Your child will be bringing home a packet of materials that need to be completed. The office needs this information by September 4, so please make it a priority to complete. If you need help with any of the forms, please call the office and Mrs. Alley or Mrs. Smith will help you. Your child's safety depends on WES having this information. Thank you very much for completing these forms quickly.

MONITOR POSITION

We have a recess monitor position open in our building for 10 hours per week. This person would monitor our lunchroom from 11:30-11:52 and our playground from 11:52-1:00 and 2:45-3:15. If you are interested in this opportunity please contact Melanie Smith at msmith@rsu18.org or by calling 465-2965. Thank you.