



# Kiefer Chronicle

## September 2018

Welcome to Betty Kiefer, to those returning, we are happy to have you back, to our new parents, you are going to love the family feel and overall climate when you walk through BKE's doors.

BKE is a great place for students to learn and grow academically, learn effective leadership skills, and grow into students with high moral character. Our school is unique because it is a family, dedicated to our ultimate goal of fostering staff and students that can think critically and ethically in any given situation with empathy for others.

My passions are:

- Being relentless in our pursuit of maintaining our positive family culture
- Instilling the belief that every person in our building has the power and ability to help our students and influence their lives
- The belief that it isn't programs that teach kids- its educators. An outstanding teacher is better than any program....
- We are stronger and better collectively than we are as individuals
- Providing every student with rich learning opportunities and preparing them to excel in the next phase of their educational experience

BKE's philosophy, mission, vision and beliefs were aligned to address all elements of "thoroughness" including a safe learning environment, maintenance of classroom discipline, basic values, communication skills, basic curriculum, workforce skills, current technology, and responsible citizenship. These guiding principles were developed to ensure that students acquired the skills necessary to be responsible and productive citizens, effective communicators, creative problem solvers, and lifelong learners!

### **Student Achievement**

The Idaho State Standards our teachers adhere to are rigorous and prepare students for their future education. Lessons are created around these using adopted materials common within the whole district, teacher created materials aligned with the standards, and engaging activities that increase over 21st century skills such as proficient technology use, collaboration and communication skills. We meet five times a year to review curriculum used, formative and summative assessment measures to make adjustments and inform instruction. Grade level teams meet weekly to plan and design cohesive, comprehensive lessons. Computers are available in our computer labs as well as in classrooms to enhance education. Our PE and Music programs enrich our children's lives and build important skills. Our library is packed with books that our students love. This year we are offering more advanced learning opportunities to ensure we are meeting the needs of all of our students. We are proud to offer a stellar educational program to your children.

### **Student Safety**

We are still focused on ensuring students, parents, and staff are safe at BKE. Every school in the district has had 3M safety film installed on all entrances to the buildings. 3M safety film provides extra time by helping to deter unwanted individuals from entering the building. It is not bulletproof, but it will keep the window from shattering and falling on impact. It is also blast resistant to a point, it is the same film that is installed on military and navy bases. This film provides the precious extra minutes we need to get our students to safety. We will continue practicing drills regularly, holding monthly safety meetings to maintain our safety protocols, and continue to seek input from stakeholders regarding best practices.

### **Important News**

**Open House 5:30-7:00 Wednesday, August 29th-** please join us to meet your teacher, dinner, bounce houses, and other fun activities sponsored by our wonderful PTU.

**First Day of School-** photo booths will be available to welcome our students to BKE

### **New Bell Schedule**

<b>Morning Bell 8:30</b>	<b>Morning Recess 4th-6th 10:30-10:45</b>	<b>Lunch/Recess 5th/6th 12:30-1:05</b>
<b>Tardy Bell 8:35</b>	<b>Lunch/Recess K 11:00-11:35</b>	<b>Afternoon Recess K-3rd 1:15-1:30</b>
<b>Morning Recess 2nd/3rd 10:00-10:15</b>	<b>Lunch/Recess 1st/2nd 11:30-12:05</b>	<b>Dismissal 3:00</b>
<b>Morning Recess K/1st 10:15- 10:30</b>	<b>Lunch/Recess 3rd/4th 12:00-12:35</b>	<b>Late Start Monday 9:30-3:00</b>

The staff at Betty Kiefer strongly believes that the best way to ensure the success of each and every student is through a strong partnership between you, the parents, and us. We welcome your active participation through volunteerism, frequent conversations, informal notes, and emails. I am thrilled to be starting the year and look forward to what is ahead of us. It's going to be a wonderful journey!! Thank you for all you do to make Betty Kiefer the best elementary school in Idaho! We are so grateful for the wonderful parents and community that partner with us daily to provide the best educational experiences to all of our students.

Warm Regards,  
Dr. Lynn Paslay  
BKE Principal