

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE JULY 7, 2021



Happenings Around Mitchell

Upcoming Dates

Tues. September 7th

**Start of School
Year 2021 - 2022**

Thurs. October 7th

Picture Day

Please remember while on school property, face masks must be worn by student, parents, faculty and staff.

Mitchell Principal Appointed

The selection of the Mitchell Principal has been completed. Mrs. Kelly Pinho was the successful candidate as she was confirmed by the Board of Education last evening. Mrs. Pinho will begin on July 12, 2021. She will be sending the next Principal's Update.

Mrs. Pinho's credentials include:

A bachelor's degree from UCONN with a major in English and a minor in History.

An elementary certification from Central Connecticut State University.

A masters' degree in Special Education from Southern Connecticut State University.

A 6th year degree from the University of Bridgeport.

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PTO

We are thankful for our supportive PTO. They have been creative in providing events and projects during the pandemic.

The PTO support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

Please check around the house for classroom books. During Virtual Learning students have been using classroom material at home. Please place school/classroom books /materials in a bag with the appropriate teacher's name on it and return materials to school. We are hoping there will no longer be a need to have these materials at home.

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She began her career as a kindergarten teacher at Rotella Magnet School. She served there for eleven years and was named Teacher of the Year in 2011. She is also a former Co-President of the PTO.

Her career in School Administration began in January of 2016 as the Teaching Vice-Principal at Washington Elementary School. She was promoted to Supervising Vice-Principal at Woodrow Wilson School in August 2016 and has been Supervising Vice-Principal at Driggs Elementary School since August 2018.

As Supervising Vice-Principal she was responsible for the evaluation of teachers, paras, and other non-certified staff; scheduling, and student discipline. Additionally, she served as School Climate Coordinator, PBIS Coordinator, 504 Coordinator and Title IX Coordinator.

She also has a demonstrated affinity for volunteer work. She is a past President of the Literacy Volunteers of Greater Waterbury. Mrs. Pinho has served as a Board member of Waterbury Youth Services and started a non-profit foundation called Waterbury Reads Story Mobile. She currently serves on the Executive Board of the Naugatuck Exchange Club to which their main purpose is to raise money for the prevention of child abuse.

Mrs. Pinho demonstrated to the selection committee that she has a passion for academics and building relationships. The Selection Committee looks forward to her many years of service.

Please welcome Mrs. Kelly Pinho to Region 14 as the Principal of Mitchell Elementary School.

Updates from the PTO:

Still seeking volunteers to take on leadership positions within the PTO next year. If you're interested in volunteering at any level or have any questions about volunteering, please email us at ptomitchellschool@gmail.com.