

ROBERT GRAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Families of Robert Gray Elementary,

I am very excited to welcome you back for the 2024-2025 school year. I look forward to an amazing school year filled with hard work and great memories that will last a lifetime! My name is Dan Olson and I am the new principal at Robert Gray. I come to you with twenty-three years of teaching experience in Wisconsin and six years of administrator experience in Alaska. I am unbelievably excited to begin the school year and get to know the students and families of Robert Gray.

There are a few changes for this school year at Robert Gray. Our school day begins at 9:10 this year, students can be dropped off or arrive at school no earlier than 9:00. We are also going to have a "slow start" in our Kindergarten classrooms this year. If you have a student in our Kindergarten program you should have received a letter from Ms. Ortuno explaining the schedule and identifying your child's teacher placement. Ms. Love has left her 1st grade classroom to become the principal at Stevens Elementary. She has been replaced by Mr. Schneider who has worked previously in two different elementary schools in the district. Please help me in welcoming Mr. Schneider to our building. We also had two of our teachers swap grade levels this year with Ms. Mao moving to Kindergarten and Ms. Tadique moving to 4th grade.

Robert Gray has had some challenging times recently and I want to assure you all that my goal is to bring stability and professionalism to our building. My number one priority is to provide a safe environment for your students to learn. We truly embrace the school motto of "Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be a Learner." We will push for academic excellence which requires consistent attendance and support from home. We are partners in education. Please reach out to teachers if you have questions and know that our teachers utilize "best practice" strategies that will assist in your child's learning. We all want the same thing, for your children to learn, grow, and succeed.

I look forward to meeting you all throughout the school year and I am so excited to be an Explorer!

Best wishes for an amazing school year,

Dan Olson
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Learning to Explore, Exploring to Learn*