

Dear Killingly Memorial School Families, Students, and Community:

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! I hope everyone had a fantastic summer. We are thrilled to welcome you all back to another exciting school year! Whether you're returning or joining us for the first time, we're so happy to have you as part of our KMS community.

This year promises to be filled with new learning opportunities, fun activities, and wonderful memories. Our dedicated teachers and staff are ready to support and inspire your children every step of the way.

I am thrilled to be returning as the KMS elementary school principal for my 9th year. I am honored to be a part of this community/school district. As a longtime resident of Killingly, I am excited to give back to the community that has provided me with so much over the years. I am looking forward to meeting new faces, revisiting familiar ones, as well as hearing all about your summer adventures! For those of you who have not yet met me, I will be starting my 32nd year in education. Prior to becoming the Killingly Memorial School Principal, I was the Principal at Thompson Middle School. My experiences range from teaching grades pre-k- 8, Literacy coach, curriculum director, and assistant principal at Mary R. Fisher Elementary School.

Throughout the summer, KMS has been busy preparing our school for the new school year. Teachers and administration have spent hours preparing materials, creating child-centered classrooms, reviewing data, and attending professional development. The office staff have registered new students, put together information packets to be sent home with all students, and organized new materials. Please be sure to continue checking your child's backpack as well as the Killingly Memorial School's website www.killinglyschools.org for notices and updates.

I truly believe that my responsibility as the Principal is to ensure your child receives a quality education within a safe, respectful environment. I believe that strong community-school relationships are essential to high academic achievement. It is our mission at Killingly Memorial School to make sure that all students are prepared for middle school by addressing school culture, setting high standards for teacher performance, increasing academic expectations for all students, and engaging the community.

If you have questions or concerns that arise at any time, please do not hesitate to give your child's teacher or me a call. I look forward to having a long and rewarding relationship with you and your family.

In Partnership,

Tina Chahanovich, Principal