



Troy Elementary School

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August 8, 2024

Dear Troy Families;

It is always amazing to me when I sit to pen this letter, how quickly time goes by. It seems like I just finished sharing the June newsletter, highlighting all of the end of year activities. Today, I write to welcome you to the 2024-2025 school year! I would like to extend a special welcome to all of the new families joining our Troy Elementary School Community this year and welcome back all of our returning families for another great year of new and exciting adventures.

Troy Elementary School is a special place, made up of students in grade Pre-K to Grade 6, with warm and friendly teachers, students, parents, and staff. At Troy School, the staff works collaboratively with students, parents, and community partners in order to continue the success that we have worked so hard to achieve over the years. Through this collaboration, the Troy School Community will continue to provide our students with the best education while navigating our way through this ever-changing world. I am grateful for the opportunity to be your principal.

Staffing at Troy School: In June, we said good-bye to several staff that have been part of the Troy Community. We wish each of them luck as they begin their new endeavors. More recently, Pat Wielosinski, the “lady in the office” has officially retired! While there is no way to replace Pat; Amy Carrier is doing a great job learning and will be a strong replacement. Please be patient the first weeks of school as continue this transition.

As a result, the interviewing team in Troy has worked conscientiously to replace these valuable staff members. While we actively continue to look for a preschool teacher, we are happy to welcome the following educators to the Troy family;

In kindergarten, we welcome Holly Blanchard. Holly is not a stranger to the Monadnock School District. She has been with the District for four years teaching preschool through 2nd grade. Holly joins us from Gilsum where she taught a Kindergarten/Grade 1 multi-age class. Holly enjoys canning jams, jellies, and pickles; gardening, crafting baking, swimming, camping and hiking.

In Grade 1, we welcome Madison Burroughs. Madison has taught first grade for six years in Colorado. More recently, she has been a Math Instructional Coach. In her spare time, Madison loves to be outdoors and being creative.

Finally, welcome to Gretchen Hoefer, who will be teaching Grade 6. Gretchen comes to us from Keene, where she taught Grade 5 for twelve years. Gretchen has also been a paraprofessional and is excited to be returning to the classroom. In her free time, she enjoys biking, kayaking, gardening and playing with her dog, Tava!

Together We Are Better

Our Staff configuration is listed in the left hand column of this communication. In addition to an exemplary teaching staff, Troy School is also supported by many other talented people. Mrs. Shannon Caron, Mrs. Karen Perkins, Mrs. Cathi Lang, Mrs. Angela Beaulieu, Mrs. Debra Hoyt, Mrs. Rebecca Klotzbier, Miss Jillian Howe, Mrs. Jaime Willett, and Mrs. Deirdre Nero assist classroom teachers in their role as paraprofessionals. Mr. Dennis Lapointe and Ms. Melanie LaBrie keep our school clean, and Ms. Betsey Van Steinburgh manage to feed all of our hungry students.

If we can be of any assistance, or if questions arise during the school year please always feel free to reach out! We are all here to work collaboratively with you and your child.

School Theme: Again this summer, a group of Troy School Staff traveled to Orlando, Florida to attend the “*GET YOUR TEACH ON*” summer conference. Similar to last year, we were reminded that all students can succeed with the assistance of an adult who encourages and promotes success. The conference stressed self-care and offered fantastic ideas to incorporate into the classroom.

As I reflected on the needs of Troy School, and the message that was presented at the conference, our theme for this year will be “*Together We Are Better*”. We truly **ARE BETTER** when we are **TOGETHER!** Stay tuned as to how this theme will translate in our work with children this year!

Kindergarten Boost: *Something NEW for Troy Elementary!!* Thanks to Title 1 funding, Troy School will offer a program to assist incoming Kindergarten students as they transition into school. This program, which will take place from 9 AM- 11 AM on August 12 through 15 will provide kindergarteners with what “school will look like” as they start their new adventure.

If you are a Kindergarten parent, and have not registered your child for this program, please be sure to call the school (603-242-7741) prior to August 12!

Opening Days: This year, the Monadnock School District will continue with “Soft Opening” Days (August 22 and 23). These days have been created for students and their families to come and orientate themselves to the new classroom, teacher, etc. Classroom teachers will be in touch to set up appointment times for families to come and visit on Wednesday, August 21. Classes will begin for all students on **Tuesday, August 27, 2024.**

Save the Date: To assist with the transition from summer back to school, the Troy School Community will be hosting its second annual ***Back to School Cookout*** on **Thursday, August 22, 2024** from **5:30-7:30 PM**. Please bring your family to enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs, salad, watermelon and all of the fixings. **RSVP is required by August 19, 2023.** Please see the flyer that is included with this communication.

Drop off/Pick-up: As last year, parents who bring students to school are asked to drop them off in the loop located by the playground. Bus students will be dropped off by the multi-purpose room (MPR) as well. It is hoped that this will cut down on “wait time” for families. As has been customary, students who are dropped off will be met by school staff to assist them exit their vehicle and move to the playground area.

In the afternoon, walkers/biker riders will be dismissed as usual. Car riders will be dismissed next using the same procedure as last year from the car loop. Please be patient, as you await your student. Finally, bus students will be dismissed through the MPR.

Please understand that students should not be on school property before 8:20 AM, as there is NO SUPERVISION. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

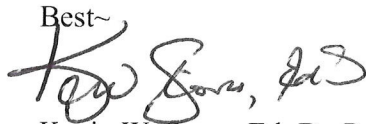
Visitors to School: Visitors to school are asked to call and make an appointment prior to coming to school. Please be aware that while pandemic protocols may have eased, it is still expected that **no one** will come to school ill. Please feel free to contact the office at 603-242-7741.

Troy Elementary School Parent Teacher Group: Troy Elementary is also very lucky to have a small but fabulous PTO who plans and organizes fun activities and events. Please consider joining our PTO! They are an open, approachable, creative, dedicated, and fun group of parents who would love to have you join them. They are committed to joining the Troy School Staff to work together toward the success of all of our children.

Our school is committed to creating a safe environment for all students and staff, where responsibility and perseverance prevail, and respect for others and our community are valued and taught. We want our students to work hard individually and as a classroom community to achieve an environment where everyone feels valued and believes they can be successful.

As parents and educators, we must form a strong partnership to ensure that all of our Troy Elementary students receive an exceptional education. I encourage you to participate in school activities and special occasions as your schedule allows. Please watch for our monthly newsletter that provide all of the details about what is happening at Troy School.

I look forward to getting to know you this school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (603) 242-7741 or kstone@mrsd.org

Best~


Kevin W. Stone, Ed. D., Principal

TROY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BACK TO

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WELCOME BACK COOKOUT

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2024

5:30-7:30 PM

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