



August 4, 2025

Welcome Back Eagle Families!

School is just around the corner, and the Eagle Team is excited for another successful year. The strawberries planted by the students last year are producing numerous juicy berries, and the staff are doing much work to prepare their learning environments. Alice Birney continues the focus on solid reading and writing skills across all subjects through building strong, caring relationships. We work to create a place where each member of our community feels a sense of belonging.

Alice Birney welcomes new staff this year to Team Eagle. **Nicole Farrow** will be teaching Kindergarten. **Marissa LaBelle** joins the team as our part time Reading Interventionist. **Britt Pruyn** will be our new Educational Specialist. **Laura Kiewel** returns to us as our school psychologist. **Isabel Semler** will be teaching drama this year, and Melissa will continue to be our art teacher. **Anastasia Long** and **Vanessa Poutoa** will join our TK instructional aide team. We also have some teaching assignment changes for the **2025-2026** school year. **Cheyenne King** will be teaching 2/ 3 combo in the same classroom. **Jordan Williams** moves from monitor to TK instructional aide. **Yevgeniya Kakhovskaya** will act as our site substitute. Loren and Ashlee will continue as our BCBAs, and we are in the process of hiring a new Behavior Support Aide. Diane Knight and Maritza Popoca continue to lead our playground as monitors, and we interview for a new monitor this week. **I am truly excited about our team this year, and I am committed to growing together.**

Breakfast will be served at **7:40am- school doors open at this time.** Breakfast and lunch are free to all Eureka City School students regardless of income. Please note that school will resume a regular daily schedule (**K-5: 8:10 am- 2:42 pm**) with the exception of **Mondays** for teacher collaboration (**K-5:8:10 am to 1:43 pm**). We will continue our same arrival and dismissal procedure. **TK-1 families** will use the **South Street drop off.** **2-5th grade families** will use the **Utah Street drop off.** If you would like to walk your student to his/her classroom, please park in the parking lot- not in the drop off lane. **Students are expected to be seated and ready to learn by 8:10 each day.**

August 18th is the first day of school. PTA will be sponsoring a Popsicle Posting on **August 15th** from **2:45-3:15 pm** at Alice Birney. **TK/K families may visit** classrooms to familiarize their child with the procedure. We look forward to seeing you come by!

This year, all forms are **DIGITAL!** On June 4, parents/guardians received an email containing the link to complete all Annual School Notices. **PLEASE complete via this link.** I hope that you will take every opportunity to become involved in our Alice Birney School Community, through volunteering, joining our PTA, or attending and supporting school events. Please **Like Alice Birney Elementary School** on Facebook **to receive updates** regarding upcoming events. **Stay tuned for our new website and ParentSquare platform to communicate with teachers and staff.**

As principal, my door is always open and I welcome your input. Please feel free to schedule an appointment with me through our school secretary to discuss any concerns, suggestions, or ideas you would like to share to support our continuous improvement. Let's soar with the eagles!

SAVE the Dates!

- **August 18: 1st Day of School with students 8:10 am (breakfast at 7:40am)**
- **Back to School Night Monday, September 4 6:00-7:00 pm**
- **September 2-5 Empathy Interviews 12:50 dismissal**

Truly an honor to serve,
Kristin Sobilo, Principal of Alice Birney

