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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year. We are looking forward to a wonderful year and can't wait to have all of our students back at NSS. We hope you and your children had a wonderful summer and we look forward to all the many activities we will experience together this year. Our "School Opening" packets are posted on our school website as they become available (www.fairfieldschools.org/schools/ns). Please make sure to check this often for current information and updates.

It has been a busy summer here at NSS and we have worked together to make sure the building will be ready for the first day of school. We are happy to announce that we did get additional enrollment in kindergarten which means we will have 3 sections in this grade. We are thrilled with the many gifts from our wonderful PTA which includes funding reading materials, and purchasing Document Cameras for every classroom. Teachers look forward to using them to further enhance their teaching with all of our students. A very special thank you to our wonderful custodians, Mr. Mark and Mr. Paulo for all their hard work to get the building ready for the return of students and staff. Teachers have already been in this summer to prepare their classrooms for students.

Recently, Mr. Michael Cummings, our Director of Elementary Education, sent all elementary families an email requesting that you complete the "Demographic Update" in Infinite Campus (IC). Please see your IC "Message Inbox" for the link and make sure to complete all the steps including the permissions for your child/children to use technology in school. This is the last but very important step in this process.

Here's a list of our classroom teachers and some changes in staff for the school year:

Grade K – Mrs. Paula Healey, Mrs. Lisa Yu, Mrs. Elizabeth Keresey
Grade 1 – Mrs. Jean Cooper, Mrs. Nicole Hackney, Miss Kayla Horne
Grade 2 – Mrs. Karen Myers, Mrs. Kristin Rollinson, Miss Nicole Monahan, Mrs. Kathleen Kane
Grade 3 – Mrs. Cheryl Banner, Mrs. Jennifer Marko, Mr. Steve Porricelli
Grade 4 – Mrs. Barbara Coords, Mrs. Kathy Noonan, Ms. Janice Ramstedt
Grade 5 – Mrs. Muriel Dushok (Reading), Mrs. Elena Reilly (Social Studies/Science/Health), Mrs. Jessica Furey (Writing), Mr. Matthew Onderko (Math)

Language Arts Consultants – Mrs. Jessica Brinsmade & Ms. Darcy Shoop*

Music Teacher – Ms. Ashley Zdravec**

*We are very excited to formally announce that Ms. Shoop is joining our School Leadership Team as one of our Language Arts Consultants while Ms. MacLean enjoys her first year of retirement. Ms. Shoop has taught kindergarten, first grade, and second grade, and all of our students will benefit from having her in this important position here at NSS.

**Ms. Zdravec is very excited to be joining our school team in this role. She came through Fairfield Public Schools herself and student taught under Mr. Jon Noyes at Holland Hill School a few years ago. Ms. Zdravec comes to us directly from the Roberto Clemente Leadership Academy in New Haven where she taught music for the past two years. She is also a Chorus Director and Conductor with the Fairfield County Children's Choir so many of our students may be familiar with her. We wish Mrs. McDonald the very best as she assumes a full time role at home taking care of her twin babies.

Please make sure you read through all “Welcome Back” information posted on the NSS website as this includes some important information that will help make your child’s transition back to school a positive one. We update this site as information becomes available to us. Here’s a look ahead at some important dates to remember:

Meet & Greet for new families **Monday, 8/29 – 5pm to 7pm - Blacktop**
Hosted by the NSS PTA

New Student Orientation (Grades 1-5) **Wednesday, 8/31 - 11:15-11:30 - LMC**

*If you are new to our school please join us in the Library Media Center for a brief welcome and tour. New families that missed last year’s kindergarten orientation are also welcome to stop in during this time.

Kindergarten Visitation **Wednesday, 8/31 - 11:30-12:00**

*This is an opportunity to meet your teacher and visit the classroom.

Grades 1-5 Visitation **Wednesday, 8/31 - 11:30-12:15**

*Any student can stop in to meet their teacher and visit the classroom.

The day before school is a very busy time for teachers and we ask that you respect the time frames listed to allow the staff ample time to finish preparing for the first day of school.

First Day of School **Thursday, 9/1 – 8:55 – 3:30**

PTA Coffee (hosted by NSS PTA) **Thursday, 9/1 - 9:15 – 10:00 APR**

*This is an opportunity for parents to enjoy coffee together on the first day of school. Opportunities to sign up for PTA committees will also be available.

Student Picture Day **Friday, 9/9 (throughout the day)**

Ice Cream Social **Friday, 9/9 – 6:00 P.M. Outside - Blacktop**
Hosted by the NSS PTA

Open House **Thursday, 9/15 6:15-7:00 Gr. 3-5**

7:00-7:30 Welcome Back/PTA

7:30-8:15 Gr. K-2

Infinite Campus (IC) – is utilized to communicate with you in a timely fashion. You can access information about IC on the Fairfield website www.fairfieldschools.org.

[NSS website – www.fairfieldschools.org/ns/](http://www.fairfieldschools.org/ns/)

[PTA website - www.nsspta.org](http://www.nsspta.org)

We look forward to seeing you and the children soon!

Sincerely,

Deborah K. Jackson
Principal

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