



August, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year. We are looking forward to a great and exciting 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 know that we will all enjoy the many activities planned for the upcoming school 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 looking forward to using the PTA gift that will allow us to use a television system to display daily information and past and upcoming events in our school lobby! 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.

As you prepare for the upcoming school year, please make sure to visit your Infinite Campus (I.C.) site and make sure all your information is current. This is essential so that you can receive important information (i.e. classroom placement; progress reports) throughout the school year.

We have several faculty changes to announce for the upcoming school year. It is always bittersweet to say good-bye to our fine faculty members while welcoming great additions to our school team. I know you will join me in welcoming our new faculty members to NSS – they have all visited already and look forward to meeting their students and families. I know you will also join me in wishing Mr. Matt Onderko, Mrs. Elena Reilly, and Mrs. Nicole Callahan the very best of luck as they move to Fairfield Ludlowe Middle School. Each of them told me it was difficult to leave our NSS community, however, we wish them well as they pursue their interests in teaching at the middle school level. We also wish Mrs. Lisa Yu the very best as she begins a year leave of absence and wish Mrs. Patty Loh the best of luck as she leaves NSS as well. Congratulations to Ms. Darcy Shoop for her summer wedding - she is now Mrs. Darcy Stiber. Several part-time teachers will join our staff as we begin implementing the new six day schedule. Here's a list of our classroom teachers with highlighted changes for the 2017-18 year:

Grade K – Mrs. Paula Healey, Mrs. Elizabeth Kersey, **Ms. Nicole Monahan**
Grade 1 – Mrs. Jean Cooper, Mrs. Nicole Hackney, Miss Kayla Horne
Grade 2 – Mrs. Karen Myers, Mrs. Kristin Rollinson, Mrs. Kathleen Kane
Grade 3 – Mrs. Cheryl Banner, **Ms. Kristen Mancini, Mr. Matt Wendin**
Grade 4 – Mrs. Kathy Noonan, **Ms. Gina Marcheschi, Mr. Steve Porricelli**
Grade 5 – Mrs. Jessica Furey (Writing), Mrs. Muriel Dushok (Social Studies/Science),
Mrs. Jennifer Marko (Math) – all three will also teach reading to their homerooms
Special Education Teacher– **Ms. Erica Murray**
Part-time Physical Education Teacher – Mr. Robert Bove (working with Ms. Rasmussen)
Part-time Music Teacher – **Ms. Cidalia Kettles** (working with Ms. Zdravec)
Orchestra Teacher – **Ms. Jen Ficks**
Library Media Specialist – **Ms. Andrea Clark**

Ms. Monahan is joining the kindergarten team from second grade; Mr. Porricelli is moving to grade 4 from grade 3, and Mrs. Marko is joining the fifth grade teaching team from third Grade. They are all very excited to join their new teaching teams.

Ms. Kristen Mancini from Osborn Hill is joining our third grade teaching team. Mr. Matt Wendin is also joining this team. He worked at Riverfield School the past two years and many of our students may know him from his work as the Program Director for the Parks and Recreation

