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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year. We know it is going to be a wonderful one and we are looking forward to the return of our students and families. Hopefully you and your children had a great summer and are also looking forward to the many great activities we have planned for the upcoming school year. Our "School Opening" packets are posted on our school website as they become available to us – www.fairfieldschools.org/schools/ns). Please make sure to check this often for current information and updates.

It has been a productive summer at NSS and our school team continue to work together to make sure the building is ready for the first day of school. A special thank you to our wonderful PTA for the exciting school gift of a Gaga Pitt for students on the intermediate playground (to be installed soon). Gaga is a game played in an octagonal pit. It is considered a kinder gentler version of dodge ball and is played with an oft foam ball. It is fun and easy and primarily for our older students. I know the children will enjoy having an additional game to play during recess. Another thanks to Mr. Charlie Dias and Mr. Paulo Ossa for their hard work preparing the building for the arrival of staff and students. Many teachers have already started getting their classrooms ready.

As you prepare for the upcoming school year, please make sure to visit your Infinite Campus (IC) portal and make sure all information is current. This is essential so that you can receive important information (i.e. classroom placement; progress reports) throughout the school year. You can access information about IC on the district website – www.fairfieldschools.org. We will be releasing student placements through IC at the end of the day on Wednesday, 8/21/19. You will see a new version of a parent handbook also posted on the website shortly. It contains consistent information for all of our elementary schools with additions (in blue) that pertain directly to NSS.

We have some faculty changes to announce for the upcoming school year. It is always bittersweet to say good-bye to our fine faculty members while welcoming new additions to our school team. I know you will join me in welcoming our new faculty members. Many have visited already and look forward to meeting you and your children. I know you will join me in wishing Ms. Inara Coleman the best of luck as she moves to Burr Elementary School as a member of their grade 4 team. Here's the most current list of our classroom teachers and new faculty members in bold print:

Grade K – Mrs. Paula Healey, Mrs. Elizabeth Keresey, Ms. Nicole Monahan
Grade 1 – Ms. Joanne Belko, Mrs. Nicole Hackney, Mrs. Kayla Onderko
Grade 2 – Mrs. Karen Myers, Mrs. Kristin Rollinson, Mrs. Kathleen Kane
Grade 3 – Mrs. Cheryl Banner, **Mrs. Muriel Dushok**, Mr. Harry Bartlett
Grade 4 – **Ms. Kristin Mancini**, Mrs. Gina Marcheschi, Mr. Steve Porricelli
Grade 5 – Mrs. Jessica Furey, Mr. Robert Gillen, Mr. Matthew Wendin
Special Education Teacher – **Ms. Monica Gorton*** (addition to the team)
Spanish – **Ms. Marta Mwmbulukutu***
Art – shared by both Mrs. Brittany Mansi & **Mr. Robert Mataruzzo**
Gifted – **Ms. Tanya Rahn***
STEAM – **Ms. Val Saltzman***
Intern – **Ms. Jasmine-Desiree Phillips**
Building Substitute – Mrs. Caitlyn Corrigan
Student Teacher – Ms. Emily Spoto (with Mrs. Karen Myers)

Ms. Monica Gorton is joining our special education teaching team to total five at NSS. She is certified in both regular and special education and comes to us from previous experiences in Rhode Island. Mrs. Brittany Mansi will be at NSS for 4/6 days this year and Mr. Robert Mataruzzo 2/6 days. They will share the position of Art Teacher. Mr. Mataruzzo was a long term substitute for art at NSS several years ago and we are happy to have him returning to the building. Ms. Marta Mwmbulukutu is an experienced Spanish Teacher here in Fairfield and we will share her with Riverfield School. Ms. Tanya Rahn has been a Gifted Teacher in the district for several years and we share her with Osborn Hill School. Ms. Val Saltzman is new to Fairfield and she comes to us from Stratford Public Schools.

Please make sure you read through the 2019-2020 Parent Handbook and welcome back lists posted on the NSS website as they contain 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. I have attached a list of important upcoming dates you can review.

We look forward to seeing you and your children soon!

Best regards,

Debbie Jackson

PTA website – www.nsspta.org

District website – www.fairfieldschools.org

NSS BACK TO SCHOOL DATES

Class Placement Released on IC

- Wednesday, 8/21 after 3:30

**Kindergarten Playdate
(Stratfield Rd.)**

- Sunday, 8/25 Owen Fish Park 4:00pm

Come meet some new friends- whole family is welcome. Parents must attend with children.

Welcome Playdate for new families

- Monday, 8/26 5-7pm – NSS Blacktop

Kindergarten Visitation - Wednesday, 8/28 11:30-12:00

**Meet your teacher & see your classroom*

Grades 1-5 Visitation - Wednesday, 8/28 11:30-12:15

**Any student can stop in to meet his/her 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 staff ample time to finish

Preparing for the first day of school.....thank you!

First Day of School - Thursday, 8/29 8:55-3:30

PTA Coffee (hosted by PTA) - Thursday, 8/29 9:15-10:00 NSS APR

This is an opportunity for parents to enjoy coffee together and consider

signing up for a PTA committee. We ask that you wait outside until all

students exit the APR to classrooms and until the PTA committee chair people set up.

Welcome Back Ice Cream Social - Friday, 9/6 6-8pm – NSS Blacktop

Hosted by the PTA

Open House - Thursday, 9/12 6:15-7:00 Grades K-2

7:00-APR – Stop & Chat

7:00-7:45 Grades 3-5

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