

Greetings Peter G. Schmidt Families,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! We hope you enjoyed a summer vacation filled with fun and exciting memories. We are thrilled to welcome all of you back to a new school year of learning and growing.

Personally, we are grateful and elated to continue this journey with you as your Principal team. Over the past two years, we have had a chance to meet many of you and your children, and look forward to continue building strong relationships in the upcoming year. As we enter this new school year, we want to let you know that our staff will be engaging in conversations around participants working to improve performance in their role, then we can all work together to ensure success for all students. We believe that every person in this building should always be growing and learning. Despite obstacles that may arise, we must always believe in our ability to rise above challenges and come out stronger on the other end.

The grade level classroom teachers are as follows;

K – Kristi Bunda, Alison Gillett, Amy Gress, **Chad Hargrove**, LeAnn Rupke
1st – Grace Bigelow, Cathy Killough, Lindsey Knutzen, Melissa Mailhot, Jenifer Shaner
2nd – Leah Bacon, Meghan Langford, Kelly Merslich, Lauren Roberts, Stephanie Spriggs
3rd – Danielle Beamish, Holly Coty, **Katy Gallagher**, **Hayley Pearce**, Sylvia Swasey
4th – Sean Colgan, Erin Crabtree, Tamara York
5th – Dan Casler, Tara Madden, **Heather Siminski**, TJ Thornton

***New staff noted in bold face.**

Start times and Drop Off Procedures: A few things to make our year go smoothly. First, please help us to be good neighbors. The traffic flow around the school is clockwise; the passenger door always opens to the curb for safety reasons. Students exit car in the loading/drop off zone (area marked in white). In consideration of children and adults who might be allergic and/or uncomfortable around animals, **pets are to remain off campus (No dogs during school hours).** **Students walking to school need to use the two cross walks on Dennis. Your safety is our number one priority.** Finally, school begins at 8:40 a.m. Breakfast will be served at 8:20. Our doors will open at 8:30 to students who are being dropped off. There is no supervision prior to 8:30, so please plan accordingly. You set your child up for success by getting him/her to school on time, ready to learn.

Dismissal: School will dismiss Monday-Thursday at 3:10 and on Fridays at 1:55 pm. Students not picked up by 3:20 or 2:05 will report to the office and the parent/guardian will need to come into the office to sign the child out. The end of the day routines for pick up, students walking, or riding the bus will remain the same and are similar to drop off. (Please see Map on our website).

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS:

General: Our programs each year are exciting and structured to ensure that all our kids continue to receive a well-rounded and challenging education. Our standards and expectations remain high! As always, our number one goal is providing our students with a quality educational experience in a safe, caring and nurturing environment. We have a dedicated staff who continue to grow through professional development and collaborative opportunities which are built into our yearly schedule. Our curricular program is aligned to the Common Core Standards.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Kinder Orientation (WA Kids)	*Information to Follow	Sept 4 th , 5 th , and 6 th	Classrooms
All Kinder First Day	Monday, September, 9 th	8:40 AM	Home Classrooms
1 st Day of School	Wednesday, September 4 th	8:40 AM	Home Classrooms
Fill the Nest	Wednesday, August 28 th	5:00-6:00	Classrooms
PGS Open House	Tuesday, October 8 th	5:30-6:30	Home Classrooms
Picture Day	Wednesday, September 18 th	All Day	

Operation... "Fill the Nest":

Please join us on the 28th of August between 5:00 – 6:00 pm to drop off your student's supplies, meet their teacher, and take a peek around their learning environment. (Classroom teachers will be available on skyward and posted at the school on August 23rd).

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT:

Because it is so important that teachers and families work together in making a child's school year a happy and successful one, it is hoped that you will be able to spend some time during the school year helping in the classroom or at home. Please discuss with your child's teacher, ways that will work within your schedule. School volunteers must go through district clearance.

PARENT/TEACHER ORGANIZATION:

We strongly encourage all of our families to join our Parent Teacher Organization, led by our PTA Co-Presidents Debbie McKee and Jennifer Noski. The meetings will take place on the 3rd Thursday of every Month in the staff lounge from 6:15-7:00 pm. We have been recognized as a PTA School of Excellence!! When a fundraising event surfaces please consider supporting it through donations or time as it helps support our number one priority: your children.

Please know that our doors are always open and we value the opportunity to visit with our families. Teachers are frequently available before and after school daily. Please schedule time to visit with your child's teacher should you have any questions or concerns – we want your child's educational experience with us to be top notch and that takes teamwork between home and school. You are their first teacher and we are pleased to have the opportunity to work with your family along this journey.

Thank you for your support and involvement in our school community. We are looking forward to working with your family this year as we continue to grow to greatness at Peter G. Schmidt Elementary School!

"Together we make a great TEAM".....Looking forward to working alongside you,

Kim Doughty
Principal

Jon Halvorson
Assistant Principal

Peter G. Schmidt

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