

Greetings Oak Hill Families!

We have had a wonderful start to the 2022-23 school year! It is so satisfying and rewarding to see students in their classrooms learning together and enjoying school! It makes all the planning and preparing worth all the hard work our staff goes through. Everyone from our nutritional staff, office and custodial, and of course our teachers have worked long hours to get ready for the school year. Our school is clean, nutritious meals are being served, and classrooms are designed to best enhance student learning. I could not be more proud to lead such a wonderful learning community.

Our enrollment has grown, and with that we have been able to add some new staff. Stephen Tax joins Mrs. Tykwinski as they support our Young Scholars and High Achieving students. Mr. Tax is an experienced TDAS teacher who will work at Oak Hill and Westwood.

In support of our commitments to support Social Emotional Learning, we have added a second school counselor, Ms. Kim Brown. She will work with Ms. Shettel in classrooms with a focus on building good friendships and conflict resolution. They will also support the work of our Student Ambassadors in grades four and five.

We have a new face in the office; Ms. Christina Irving has joined us as the new Administrative Assistant. She helps to keep our school running along with Ruth and Joyce who are the first faces and voices (they answer our phones) you see and hear as we communicate with families. Chris has experience at both Lincoln Elementary and more recently at the Welcome Center. We are so glad to have her join our Oak Hill family!

As we work with families to ensure safety and security, I do have a few requests.

1. If you wish to enter the building at any time other than a scheduled event (i.e. PBIS Assembly, Music Concert, 5th Grade Graduation, etc.) **please bring your Driver's License** into the office for scanning and a name badge. This includes walking your child to class in the morning, as we encourage parting at drop off or at the door. **For safety and security we need to have all adults in the building identified.**
2. If you are changing the end of day pick up please **call in no later than 1PM**. This ensures the office has enough time to get the message to the classroom teacher. This is another safety measure to ensure all students are where they need to be in order to get home safely.

Parent drop off has been very successful in the morning, and is beginning to move more efficiently at the end of the day. Please remember to be patient, wait your turn, and follow staff directions.

I will transition parent communications to Seesaw once we have all students entered. Communications will be sent out most Fridays via Seesaw on full weeks except when the Acorn is published. If you have questions or comments for me, you can email me, call or visit in person; an appointment is best for this purpose. I welcome feedback from our families.

Have a great weekend,
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