

We are ready to begin a great year at Elkton School! I would like to thank everyone for all their hard work in getting our school ready for this year...from our janitors to teachers to all the workers who made their way into our building this summer.

We have added new staff members this year. Our students' lives will be richer because of their presence and the presence of our experienced staff.

- Ms. Tia Hulce will be teaching K-12 art.
- Mr. Michael Mitchell will be teaching 7-12 Science.
- Mr. Bob Ishmael has been hired as a custodian.
- Mrs. Kristi Brunsting will be working with our SPED department.
- Mrs. Lori Hubert will be working in the kitchen.

At the beginning of the school year our students are busy with activities as well as learning the routine of the school day. There are times when we find ourselves pulled in many directions and find it difficult to focus on school work. Work on developing a good routine concerning homework within your household (no matter how old your student is) right away and communicate with your child's teacher through e-mail and frequent grade checks on Infinite Campus.

Our school newsletter will be published at the end of every quarter. You can access the newsletter through our webpage. The activities and lunch calendar will be updated monthly and published on-line. Each Thursday, a weekly newsletter will also be sent home via e-mail.

**Please note that school will dismiss at 3:35pm.** Elementary students will begin getting ready for dismissal at 3:30pm. School will dismiss EVERY Wednesday (beginning on Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>) at 2:15pm. This time will then be used for teacher in-service and staff development. Buses will run at that time. Churches may offer release time after dismissal, but there will be NO busing for those children who go to release time on Wednesday after school has been dismissed. Look for the form regarding release time coming home with elementary students those first few weeks of school.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the open **house Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm until 8pm.** Stop in and meet your teacher, pay for lunch, turn in paperwork, and take the time to catch up on what you did over the summer. Please note: teacher MAY not be available at open house. If you have any questions for your child's teacher, please take the time to e-mail them. **Also on open house night, there will also be a meeting concerning netbooks for all Freshmen and all new High School students to the Elkton School District.** This meeting will occur at 7:00pm in the Telecom Room. Students AND parents must attend before a student can be issued a netbook for the school year. **We invite all parents of students in grades 9-12 to attend the first 15 minutes of the netbook training to receive information on insurance the school will be offering on the netbooks.**

I wish everyone a great school year. By working together, we can ensure success for all our students.

Kelly L. Neill  
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