

Parker Elementary School

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Dear Parker Friends and Families,

I hope this letter finds you still enjoying your summer. I can't wait to hear about all the fun vacations and wonderful family experiences had by all. Rest assured we have been doing the same. We have been filling our moments with travel, fishing, biking, **READING**, etc. and creating wonderful memories right along with you.

Parker's Great Green Garden is simply amazing! It has exceeded all our wildest dreams. Ok, maybe not Senior Buck's yet, but the rest of us are just pleased as punch! I want to take the opportunity to thank all those families that have been involved in taking care of it over the summer. You have done such a wonderful job!

It is with great pleasure that we welcome, to the Parker staff, our new first grade teacher, Mrs. Tammy Christensen. Mrs. Christensen comes to us from Charlemagne Elementary with a wealth of experience, energy and enthusiasm. You should also know that for personal and family reasons Mrs. Vaughan has chosen to take a year's leave of absence. We are currently looking to fill her position, but those are going to be some tough shoes to fill.

Well, it's time to gear up for what promises to be an incredible year. Based on a number of conversations had in staff meetings, site council and parent group, we want to re-visit and better communicate our work towards building and maintaining a Safe, Respectful and Responsible community. Parker Elementary School is such a wonderful place to work and learn. It is important that we stay diligent and ensure this is always the case. We look forward to working as a community to make this happen.

As a former math teacher, I am excited about the district's move from teaching a little bit about many different math topics. We will now be focusing much more in depth, at each grade level, working towards mastery. Consequently, I think you will see some very positive changes in our math program.

Enough of me going on-and-on, I'll let you get back to the important business of enjoying friends and family and getting ready for school. Just know, we look forward to learning and building memories side-by-side with you this year and can hardly wait!

See you soon,

Principal Scott