



Wildwood Wire

School Community News, Updates and Notes



June 26, 2017

Happy Beginning of the Summer!

In what has become an annual tradition, Wildwood staff lined the entrance to the school to say good-bye to students as they boarded the buses. This turned into an impromptu dance party with music and DJ duties provided by Mr. Brownell.

Goodbyes

A few days before school ended we gathered in the gym for our Good-bye Assembly. During the assembly we invited the student, who were leaving our school, to come to the front of the gym to receive a Shooting Star certificate. As a community we told each child that we will miss you, we will not forget you and are sending you off with good wishes for your new school. We also said good-bye and expressed our appreciation for those staff members who will be moving on from Wildwood after this year. Julie Condron, who has taught second grade and kindergarten, will be relocating to the Woods Hole, Ma. area with her family. Vince Barnes, our P.E. teacher for the past three years will be returning to Ann Arbor, Mi. to be with his new wife. Sherril Willis is retiring after being a classroom teacher, and most recently, a reading specialist at Wildwood for more than twenty years. In addition, we said goodbye to the following para-educators who had a profoundly positive impact on the lives of students throughout our school: Mtali Banda, Andrew Haley, Shannon Horte, Kristen Ouellette, and Brooks Scott-Rotkopf.

Staff Updates

Keith Burgoyne, who has taught fifth grade at Wildwood for many years will be our new Physical Education teacher. Keith is excited to share his lifelong passion for physical activity with students K-6. Alan Kuusisto, who has taught fourth grade this year, will be rejoining the third grade team, and Chris Owen will be taking a one-year leave of absence in order to spend precious time with his family.

Welcome to new staff members

I am pleased to announce that we will have four fifth grade classrooms next year in order to keep the class sizes reasonable at this grade level. Because Keith Burgoyne will be teaching P.E. we have hired two new fifth grade teachers. Steven Rickman is coming to us from Fayetteville, North Carolina, where he taught fourth and fifth grade for four years. Steven took on several teacher leadership roles in his school, such as starting a mentoring program and partnering with Google to initiate a science/technology afterschool club. Allison Estes-Brown will also be fifth grade classroom teacher after teaching in Plymouth, New Hampshire for sixteen years. Like Steven, Allison has been a teacher leader in her school, specifically in the areas of co-teaching, developing authentic, student-based assessments, and creating culturally-aware schools. Nadia Sadhu will be joining the kindergarten team as a classroom teacher. Nadia has taught for five years in the Boston Public Schools, first as an intervention teacher for four years and then as a kindergarten teacher during the past year. Nadia will be bringing an extensive background in helping our youngest students establish a strong foundation in literacy. Finally, Frances Lonergan, who has been a curriculum/reading specialist leader in Virginia Beach, Virginia, will be a new intervention teacher working with multiple grade levels. They each will bring their own unique strengths and skills to Wildwood! Please join me in welcoming Steven, Allison, Nadia and Frances to our school community!



Looking ahead to next year

August 28 – New Family Night, 6:30 pm

August 30 – First Day of School, grades 1-6

September 4 – Labor Day, No School

September 5 – First day of Kindergarten

September 20 – Early Release Day, 1:20 pm dismissal

Grade Level Teaching Teams for 2017-18

Kindergarten – Ricci Mastroianni, Lisa Poirier, Nadia Sadhu

Grade 1 – Victoria Munroe, Susie Secco, Gina Simm

Grade 2 – Shannon Applegate, Lorrie Heard, Mangala Jagadeesh

Grade 3 – Mary Fournier, Alan Kuusisto/Courtney Platt, Kira Thomas

Grade 4 – Mario Perez, Elaine Stinson, Gioia Woods/Cathy Moss

Grade 5 – Sarah Bing-Owen, Steven Rickman, Liz Elder/Soleil Sonoda, Allison Estes

Grade 6 – Jaimie Bust, Chris Eggemeier, Kristen Roeder/Sarah Hickman