

September 13, 2018

Dear Families,

We have had a wonderful start to the school year with your children! There has been so much enthusiasm about the new color in the building, the positive energy and the many new faces!

Bryant and I both look forward to seeing everyone at the September 25th Open House. I look forward to speaking with everyone in the cafeteria at 7pm in order to welcome you all, talk a bit about Merriam School, and introduce myself in my new role. Additionally, Bryant will be sharing a bit about his story as well. We did want to address a few beginning of the year items. It is of the utmost importance to all of us at Merriam School that every child has access to opportunities. If there is ever a financial concern regarding payment for a field trip, photo packages, or anything else, I ask that you contact me directly. This will be treated sensitively and confidentially.

Also, tomorrow, September 14th is the last day to update PowerSchool in order for you to be included in the Merriam School Directory. Additionally, it is extremely important that we have the most up to date information in PowerSchool in case we need to contact you for any reason. Thank you for taking care of this.

We have three open spots on our School Council. This group meets monthly and is made up of teachers, parents, a community member and our Merriam School administrators. If you are interested in being on our School Council, please submit a statement to Kathleen Zawicki in the office by Friday, September 28th. We will publish these statements the week of October 1st and hold elections the entire week ending on Friday, October 5th. Paper ballots will be distributed through Friday mail. We ask that the Merriam School facebook page not be used for campaigning.

Finally, we will be in touch in the next week as we begin to plan parent forums to hear from all of you about your hopes for Merriam School.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the picnic this evening.

Warmly,  
Juliana