



Sayre Elementary School

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Hello Sayre Families,

I hope you have been having a wonderful summer break! I would like to take just a bit of your time to introduce myself and let you know how excited I am to be joining the Sayre family and to have the opportunity to work with your children.

I come to you with 21 years of experience in public education. I was fortunate to spend 18 years teaching in the classroom and 3 years as an Elementary Principal, working collaboratively with other teachers and school leadership to provide exceptional learning environments for students. I know that this experience will serve me well as I join the Sayre team and begin learning about all the things that make Sayre a great place for our learners.

I am excited for what this new year will bring. We will have some new faculty members, new students, and new families joining us as we begin the year. I look forward to getting to know each of our students and their families. Your teachers are also taking time to rejuvenate and to organize and plan opportunities to stretch and grow each student's thinking.

As you know South Lyon is a wonderful community and is growing quickly. My husband is a graduate of South Lyon High, and although there are fewer fields and more homes, it continues to be a community that values working as a team to support our students. I share those values and look forward to working with all of you who contribute to our school community in one way or another. Please know that my door is always open and I am happy to help in any way I can. The best way to contact me is through email, although a phone call is fine too.

Communication is very important to me and I believe, the more we do so, the better we can support our students. For this reason, much of the news from Sayre will be found on our new Facebook Page **Sayre Elementary School** and our Twitter **@SLCSSayre**. Please take a few moments to "Like" and "Follow" us so that you are sure not to miss any important updates and news.

As a parent, I know the only thing the kids are concerned about is seeing those class lists. As you probably remember, we will be posting the lists at 4pm on Thursday, September 3rd. For your convenience, we will also be sending the lists out via Skylert at that same time. Therefore, you will be able to read the lists from the comforts of your home, or in the car on your way out of town for your last long weekend.

One final note. With the transition of leadership at the building and a very busy spring with our new state testing, we did not hold our traditional Kindergarten Meet and Greet. On the first day of school, September 8, we welcome and encourage our Kindergarten parents to join us on that ½ day to meet their child's teacher, see the school building and get acquainted with the school

staff. Next year we will plan to return to our normal Meet and Greet event in the spring time. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused anyone. We will, however, be holding a **Pop in for Popsicles** event for our **new Sayre Families** on **Wednesday, September 2nd from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** We would love for all of our Families that are new to Sayre to join us that evening. You will have an opportunity to walk the building, locate important locations in the school (i.e. media center, office, cafeteria, etc.), meet a few teachers, meet the principal and cool off with a tasty treat. The purpose of this event is to help our newest families to become acquainted with the building prior to the start of the school year. Also, if you are new to our community, you may not be aware that our parking lot is very limited. Please do your best to be respectful of our very kind neighbors who reside around the school. Some things you can do to help the situation are, car pool so there is only one vehicle per family, try and stagger arrivals (last names A-L arrive at 6:30 and M - Z arrive at 7pm), be considerate in your parking and minimize the space you use. We will always be very crowded but if we are aware and work together, we can make it work.

I am looking forward to meeting you all very soon. Please enjoy your last couple weeks of summer and start getting into those bedtime routines.

See you all very soon,

Mrs. Herbstreit
Principal
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