



## STAMFORD SCHOOL

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### Principal's Monthly Newsletter - SEPTEMBER

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Wow, I am amazed that we are in a new school year and off to a great start! The school faculty and staff have had nothing but great things to say about the new year, new students, and new theme! As you may know, the school theme this year is Positive Academics, where everything we do is something to be learned in a positive environment!

The summer was very busy here at the Stamford School. We removed asbestos, carpet, and put in new tiles. The entire inside of the school was painted with fresh, new colors. The middle school got new lockers that can fit their supplies. The computer lab has been made into a new Chromebook Lab. The Multi-purpose classroom was re-designed to accommodate the various specials. All restrooms were remodeled. A new black fence was also installed around the school building. You will also notice that the town put in a new, beautiful parking lot.

Just prior to school, teachers attended trainings that included the Fundamental Five (author Sean Cain), Metacognition, and Lucy Calkins Units of Study. This year, we are implementing several new academic curriculums. In grades K-8, we have started a new math curriculum called PMI (Progressive Math Initiative). We have started a new literacy program called The Units of Study by Lucy Calkins to include the Reader's Workshop Model. For Science, we have subscribed to an online program called Discovery Education. All of the new curriculums are aligned with the proper state standards. A new benchmark assessment system called Fountas & Pinnell will be used for reading progress monitoring throughout the year. Lastly, we have a reading consultant who will be training us throughout the year on the new literacy program.

School started at 8:30am on Tuesday, August 28, 2018. All students arrived safely and we dove right into our new PBIS expectations: Be Safe, Be Kind, & Be Responsible. Please note that the entire month of September will be dedicated to Kindness. Every day, we will try and accomplish a kind task, such as bringing in a canned good. We also talked a lot about our theme Positive Academics. To promote Positive Academics, every Friday, we will be doing a morning meeting where one class will present an academic project or achievement. Please speak to your child about when they will present and feel free to join us on Friday mornings from 8:30-8:45.

Some other things to note- We currently do not have a Music Teacher. If you know of a qualified music teacher, encourage them to apply for the position. Meanwhile, Mrs. Hayre is the guest music teacher until a candidate is hired. Mrs. Ashley Lewis, our guidance counselor, will be here Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays this year. Our new Media Specialist, Mrs. Sarah Wajda will be here Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Remember to send in notes if there is a change in your child's schedule. You may also send emails to our new Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Gina Sweet ([gsweet@stamfordelementary.com](mailto:gsweet@stamfordelementary.com)).

Save the Date:

- Open House is Thursday, September 13, 6-7pm
- There will be an Early Release at 11:30am Wednesday, September 19
- Picture Day is Thursday, September 20

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Hayre