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It is hard to believe that we are already finishing up our first week of school! We are so thankful to those who have been in all summer to prepare our school building. Todd, Amie, Anne, Dorothy, Bernie, Mike, Dappar and our entire facilities department have done an excellent job preparing our school for the first day. Carol, Lara and Debbie have been hard at work preparing supplies and working on updating student information.

We are so excited about the upcoming year and the chance to continue to make LRES the best place to learn and to work! It was a busy summer for most of our staff. We had staff attending many of the in-district workshops - PLC, Literacy, and Autism Support as well as the Competency Design Studio, a science facilitation training, and the unpacking of Units of Study for writing.

We are honored to serve as the administrative team at LRES. It is truly a privilege to be a part of the Raymond community.

# Transportation

Buses are moving slower this first week in the morning and are taking a little longer in the afternoon dropping students off. We did have some significant difficulties on Wednesday and Thursday due to the fact that we were short one bus driver in the afternoon. We are monitoring the situation and staying in close contact with the bus company so that we can be as proactive as possible in our communication with parents.

Parent pickup and drop off has been going very smoothly (especially considering the new staff). For safety reasons, we are limiting the line to single file and parents have been respectful of this change. The complete dismissal on Tuesday (second day) was 15 minutes - our goal is 10-12 minutes.

# Enrollment

39 - PK 86 - Kindergarten 95 - 1 95 - 2 94 - 3 <u>103 - 4</u> 512 students New Staff Members

- Reading Specialist Keri Shaw
- Preschool Teacher Annie Vincent
- Grade 1 Special Education Amy Michaud Art teacher- Michelle Munson
- Grade 2 Kaleigh Liupakka
- Grade 3 Deb Daniels
- Grade 3 Andrea Elliott
- Special Education CM Allyson Lewko
- Grade 4 TBD

- Library/Media Specialist Abigail Samsel
- Health teacher Doug Roy
- Speech Emily Miller •
- Building Tech Jeff Labontee
- Autism Support Kim Cordero
- Kitchen Susan Peters
- Para Chloe Mendenhall

## Challenges

We are continuing to look for volunteers to support school-wide and classroom projects.

## Special Activities

We had a great turnout for our our ice cream social last week - we had an ice cream truck and even a school bus! It was a pleasure meeting and getting to know our new students. The PTO did a wonderful job planning this event - it was our best yet!

## Upcoming Events

- Fundraiser Kickoff will be Wednesday, September 6th
- Open House will be Thursday, September 7th 6pm-7:30pm

Acknowledgements

- Thank you to Lamprey River Dental for their generous donation of backpacks and school supplies for students in need of supplies.
- Thank you to our PTO for kicking the year off with gifts for all staff as well as a generous donation of a new Keurig Coffee Maker for our staff room.
- Thank you to Officer Frotton who visited for opening day and helped with morning announcements.
- Thank you to Maureen Desrosiers who has stepped up and offered two PD sessions on Responsive Classroom - Creating Rules.
- Thanks to our Reading Teachers (Mrs. Meyers and Ms. Shaw) for offering two PD sessions on literacy resources - DIBELS and Fundations.