

Field Mighty Mice Miller Moments

June 15, 2017

Summer is officially here. We are handing the students back to you until the end of August. We are going to take a break, relax and rejuvenate, and come back refreshed for the 2017-2018 school year.

Staffing for 2017-2018:

I would like to announce whom we have hired so far:

Art: Brenda Butler

Site Based Level 3 Special Education: Cynthia Ward

Special Education Resource Teacher: Carolyn FitzPatrick

English Language Arts (6th): Fred Cheng

Special Education Resource Teacher (.5): TBN

New Area Superintendent: Cecilia Saddler

We will also have a change in administration. Liz Martin, our fabulous Assistant Principal, is moving on to new adventures next year. Mrs. Sonrisa Shaw, the current Assistant Principal at Sheridan Immersion Program, will be our new Assistant Principal. I will be sad to see Liz leave us but am excited that she will continue her passion of working with middle school students and work as the AP at Anwatin Middle school.

Farewell Letter:

Dear Field Community,

Thank you very much for letting me lead and learn with you these last two years. Having the opportunity to join MPS by returning to a school I attended was a spectacular surprise (go Field Mice!!). I want to let you know that I will not be returning to Field next year. Rather, I will be serving as the Assistant Principal of Anwatin Middle School. This is a bittersweet change. I know that Field is an amazing place and I am so excited about the changes that we have implemented these last two years. But, I am also excited for the new challenge that a different school site will bring.

Good luck to each and every one of you. The Field community is a wonderful place of learning and I will miss it every day.

Go Mice!

Ms. Martin

Letter of introduction:

It is an honor to be named as your Assistant Principal for the 2017-18 school year. Staff and students usually call me Mrs. Sonny. I began my teaching career with MPS as a Middle School Social Studies teacher in 2001. Since then I have worked in a variety of schools and in a variety of roles including as a Middle School Coordinator, elementary teacher, Literacy coach, TAP Mentor, and School Improvement Specialist. This will be my fourth year as an Assistant Principal.

I am married and have two children. My own son will be starting middle school this year and I look forward to having middle schooler's back in my daily life. I appreciate their candor and sense of humor. We live near Stillwater where my husband is a high school teacher.

I look forward to getting to know you, learn from you and support you.

Sonrisa S. Shaw

We Need Site-Council Members:

The Field site-council is looking for some new parents. We want our site council to represent the diversity of our students and we are specifically in need of African American parents. The main purpose of the site-council is to be a parent and teacher advisory sounding board to the principal. I run the site-council in a casual manner; we follow an agenda and have discussions around topics that pertain to making Field a great place. It is not a decision making body. We meet the first Wednesday of every month (unless otherwise noted), running from 4:00-5:30pm. Please send me your name if you are interested.

Early Fall Important Dates:

August 21st - from 9-10:30am: 5th grade student orientation at Field School

August 22nd – Teachers report to work

August 23rd - 5th grade family orientation – for 5th graders and parents/guardians

Power Point: 4:30-5:00pm; classroom visits from 5:00pm - 6:30pm

August 24th – 6-8th grade Open House - 5:00-7:00pm

August 25th – Teacher work day

September 19th – Curriculum night (parent request)

October 12th – Evening parent/teacher/student conferences

October 17th - Evening parent/teacher/student conferences

October 18th – Morning parent/teacher/student conferences

UPDATED MPS District Wellness Policy

The **MPS Board of Education approved Wellness Policy 6690** at its June 13, 2017 meeting. The updated policy bring us into compliance with federal guidelines regarding student and staff wellness and **includes the following requirements:** schools must provide **unrestricted access to potable water** during meal periods for students; **all foods offered or sold during the school day must meet Smart Snacks standards;** and more. In addition, it requires **all elementary schools to provide a cumulative total of 30 minutes of daily recess** for students. **Building leaders will be responsible for implementing these policies**, and there will be ongoing reviews to ensure the district remains in compliance. To learn more, read the full policy at http://nutritionservices.mpls.k12.mn.us/wellness_policy_m435.

Thank you for sending us your students. We had a beautiful 8th grade ceremony and I'm looking forward to hearing about their future successes. I'm looking forward to the students returning in the fall and continuing our learning together.

Enjoy your summer – VaNita Miller - Principal