

Brentwood Families,

Happy August to you all! I hope you were able to make lifelong memories with your family this summer. I enjoyed this summer with a balance of rest, reflection, and traveling. Our custodians have been busy cleaning and beautifying our campus for the new school year. Our staff will gather together soon to share, reflect, and prepare for the upcoming school year. We are excited to welcome our students back and get the learning started!

Our goal for the year continues to be centered around providing a high quality education that meets the needs of the whole child - intellectually, socially, emotionally, and behaviorally. We are committed to helping our students with the many skills necessary to thrive in our ever changing world, including focusing on what is known as the six Cs of 21st Century Learning: Creativity, Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Communication, Connection, & Cultural Proficiency. We'll do this through project and problem based learning, use of creating learning teaching methods, social emotional learning, field trips, and authentic learning. I am looking forward to watching the growth of the students throughout the year.

As we open the doors for a new school year, you'll notice missing bulldog staff faces at Brentwood. Ms. Toney (Auditory Impairment Teacher) retired! Ms. Cavender (Music Teacher) and Ms. Vader (Literacy Specialist) moved out of state to be closer to family. Ms. Zuckman (Kinder Teacher) also moved out of Austin to be closer to family. Ms. Garcia-Mota (Kinder Teacher) is moving into a special education teaching position at another campus. Ms. Shank (1st Grade Teacher) is off to an exciting adventure of teaching in Australia. Ms. Thomas (1st Grade Teacher) will be working at her neighborhood school outside of Austin. Ms. Sawada (4th Grade Teacher) moved to another school where she gets to teach with her sister. Ms. Gardner (Special Education Resource Teacher) is taking time to spend with her family. Ms. Cox (Special Education Resource Teacher) will serve as a special education curriculum specialist where she will get to work with many campuses throughout our district. Ms. Neely (Teacher Assistant) is moving to TX School for the Deaf. They have left their "paw print" at Brentwood and will be missed!

It is also a time where you will see new faces at Brentwood. Please join me in welcoming our new staff: Ms. McMahan (Kindergarten Teacher), Ms. Garcia (Kindergarten Teacher), Ms. Henderson (5th Grade Teacher), Ms. Martinez (Auditory Impairment Teacher), Ms. Flaherty (Music Teacher), Ms. Horton (Head Custodian), Ms. Dani (Special Education Resource Teacher), Ms. Lester (Special Education Lifeskills Teacher), Ms. Jamison (Special Education Lifeskills Teacher Assistant), and Ms. Atkinson (Literacy Specialist).

We have a few other teachers moving grade levels/positions: Ms. Briggs and Ms. Bush will join the kindergarten team, Ms. Wieland, Ms. Holloway, and Ms. Baldwin will join the 1st grade team, Ms. Gonzalez will join the 2nd grade team, Ms. Stockton will join the 4th grade team, and Ms. Harris will be a Special Education Resource Teacher. Also, Ms. Travnick got married over the summer and is now Ms. Romansky.

Together our Brentwood staff is eager and ready to serve our students and families this year. In partnership with our community, we are going to have a year where we SHINE!

Come out to Meet the Teacher on, Thursday, August 16, anytime between 4:30-6:00 pm and bring your school supplies with you. We are looking forward to the first day of classes on August 20! Also, Back to School Nights dates have been posted on the school website, PTA & Principal Laroche FaceBook Pages. Until then, enjoy your last few days of summer and we'll see you soon!

All the best,

Amber Laroche  
Proud Principal