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Welcome Back!

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer. I also hope you are relaxed, recharged and ready to start a new school year. I am so delighted that you are part of our amazing learning community. I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education, and I look forward to working with you and your children.

The first day of school for students will be Thursday, September 9th, starting at 8:00 a.m. and dismissing at 2:15 p.m. Our secretaries will be returning to school on Wednesday, September 1st and will be available to answer any questions you may have at that time.

During the last 18 months we have faced many challenges due to COVID, but I am very pleased to say that while our students were at school we were able to maintain an extremely safe learning environment, with zero cases reported to have been transmitted at school. As we look to September we are looking forward to another incredible and productive school year. Our skilled and devoted staff is already planning and preparing for your child(ren). Our enthusiastic office team is registering new families, ordering needed materials and updating student files. Our hard working and conscientious custodians have spent the entire summer thoroughly cleaning your school. And, our much-appreciated PTO is gearing up to welcome families, provide volunteer opportunities, and offer other exciting events and programs. Dighton is such a joyous and caring community with the common goals of nurturing responsible, caring students and promoting high-level learning.

Student Placement

A great deal of time, effort and thought has gone into the process of student placement for the 2021-2022 school year.

Classrooms have been balanced academically and socially. Our class lists are structured to provide equitable class sizes at each grade level. Moving students is difficult without causing imbalances and inequities.

Thank you so much for being positive with your child and helping him or her understand that it is impossible to place all students with a preferred best friend or teacher. All of our staff works hard to make school a positive experience for all students. Dighton Middle is eagerly looking

forward to enriching your child's life. Thank you for understanding that it may take a few weeks for a child to acclimate to a new grade, peer group and teachers.

Thank you to all who are helping prepare for the new school year. Your commitment to insuring that Dighton Middle School remains a celebrated and successful school is awe-inspiring. Mrs. Younger and I eagerly look forward to greeting students and families again. It remains an honor and privilege to serve as your principal. Together, I know we will make this school year one of growth and achievement for all children.



I hope you and your child have a wonderful year and I extend an invitation to each of you to become an active participant in your child's educational experiences. I hope you will continue to play a major role in your child's life by:

1. establishing high expectations for your child and not accepting a minimum effort or indifference to quality work
2. knowing what is expected in each of your child's classes and communicate with teachers when you have a question or concern
3. providing a quiet time and place in your home for study
4. insisting that your child accept responsibility for his/her learning and conduct
5. modeling the importance of life-long learning
6. monitoring your child's social media experiences
7. making sure your child is in school, ready to learn, and on time every day

My belief is that all students are capable of learning and my hope is that teachers will provide clear expectations for students so that they will know exactly what is expected of them. With your support, I am confident that your child will have an outstanding year.

Our doors are always open. If you have any concerns please contact your child's teacher by email (teacher's first initial, last name, @drregional.org) or call your child's guidance counselor, Aaron Andrade (508-669-4215). If you feel that your concerns are not handled appropriately or to your satisfaction, please contact Assistant Principal, Amy Younger, or me. We will always try to listen and make decisions in your child's best interest. Working together as partners, we can ensure success for all students.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard K. Wheeler, Jr.".

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