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Elementary Newsletter

A Great Start!

We are so excited that we had the best Back to School Night attendance in MTSE History; 26 families were able to attend, with over 100 people coming in to meet new teachers, tour their rooms, and get ready for an awesome new school year!



New Staff!

We have searched for and found wonderful people to fill some important roles at school. Our new staff members are:

- 1st Grade - Katie Vergeront
- 3rd & 4th Grade - Mikala Schock
- Phy Ed - Lee Metzger
- SpEd Teacher - Jody Larson
- SpEd Para - Keshia Deon
- ELL Teacher - Josh Payne
- Community Engagement Coordinator - Marisa Lugo Rivera
- Social Worker - Megan Lexen
- Social Work Intern - Gracie Grussing

Student Spotlight

Our New Kindergarten 
Class: Class of 2032!

New Mission Statement!

Last year, staff spent several hours brainstorming and discussing our mission, and this is the new mission statement we agreed on:

To provide learning experiences with high expectations that support academic growth and enhance individual character in partnership with students, families, and community within a supportive, safe and stable environment.

We would love to hear your thoughts and feedback on it!

Questions, comments, or concerns? There is coffee, hot chocolate and a feedback box for parents/families in the office!



Staff Spotlight

Ms. Megan

Social Worker

Hello all of MTS

Elementary! My name is Megan Lexen

and I have the opportunity to be your school social worker this year. This will



be my first year as a full-time elementary social worker here at MTS. I was here part time last year as an intern, and I loved it so much I wanted to stay permanently. I grew-up in a small town in Wisconsin and moved to the Twin Cities area to attend college. I now live with my husband of one year and my fish. For college I attended Bethel University and graduated in May of 2019 with a degree in both Social Work and Reconciliation Studies. Some of my favorite things to do is being outdoors and eating ice-cream.

One of the things that drew me to MTS was the restorative practice value. I truly believe that by implementing restorative practices into our school it will benefit the students, staff, and families for both the short-term and long-term. I love talking with parents and anyone is more than willing to reach out to me with any questions of concerns that they may have. My phone number is 612-729-9140 EXT. 5136, and my email is:

mlexen@emailmtcs.org

Yoga Calm will be returning to classrooms this year as we continue to focus on using social-emotional learning techniques to help students stay focused and learning!

Continuing a Tradition...

Last year, we started a new tradition, the Border Battle! The Friday before a game between the Vikings and the Packers, students and staff will have a touch football game in the gym, choosing which team they play for and cheering for their side! This year's Border Battle will be September 13th, kids, wear your team's colors!

Alert! No Peanuts or Peanut Products at School!

There are students with severe peanut allergies at school, so please do not send peanuts, peanut butter, or any peanut products with your child as we want to keep everyone safe! Thank you!

Important Dates:

9/19 Dinner with the Principal 6:00-7:00.

We are glad that many people have signed up, please register with Roxanne if you are coming so that we order enough food!

9/20 International Peace Slte Dedication 9:30

10/3 Title 1 Curriculum Night and Bus Safety 4:00-6:00

10/4 Student Recognition Program 9:00

This is the first of our monthly recognition programs - families are encouraged to come if they can, it really makes it special for all the students to have you here!

10/15 Evening Conferences 4:00-7:00

10/16 NO SCHOOL/Conferences

10/24 District Annual Meeting

Procedure for Changing Bus Routine

If you need to change your child's home destination, **CHANGES MUST** be communicated to school by **AN ADULT** before 2:00. Students will be sent home to the destination of record if we do not have adult confirmation before 2:00.

REMINDER: SCHOOL HOURS ARE FROM 7:30 to 2:30 THIS YEAR!

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