



Central Elementary School

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Dear Central School Students and Families,

Welcome to a new school year! I hope you were able to enjoy summer with family and friends and that everyone is rested and ready to begin the 2023-24 here at Central School.

I would like to begin by welcoming our incoming preschoolers, kindergarteners, and other new students. To all of our first-time parents, I know the excitement and anxiety that come with the first days of school. I can assure you that the staff at Central School goes above and beyond to make that transition as smooth as possible for everyone. The children are in the best of hands, and will be provided all the tools they need to find success and happiness in school.

These students are not the only new members of the Central School family. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Ms. Nicole Salzano, our new administrative assistant and Ms. Bettina Gonzalez, office assistant, along with Ms. Erin McMeen, our new school nurse. We are also welcoming the following teachers to new positions this year: Ms. Jennifer Mandery (3rd Grade), Ms. Megan Florio (Resource), Ms. Allison Lehr (2nd Grade), Ms. Yubeiry Rodriguez (World Language), Ms. Jennifer Farrand (paraprofessional), and Ms. Erin Haney (paraprofessional). All of these fine educators are excited to join us in leading the leaders of tomorrow. You will get to meet all of our teachers at Back to School Night on Thursday, September 21. Start time is 6:00 p.m.

Our goal at Central is to **provide students an educational foundation necessary for future success through innovative and collaborative practices**. As part of this goal, we continue to utilize technology to communicate our achievements and events. Follow GMRSD's Twitter account **@GMRSDJaguars** and my Twitter account, **@Mrs_Westberg**. Also, sign up for the Real Time Parent Portal to get the latest updates on school events sent right to your phone.

As we look ahead to a great year, please review our Student Code of Conduct and Central School Handbook. These can be found at www.gmrds.com and are also included in your first day packets. Please make sure to discuss with your child the rules and expectations we have for their behavior on the bus. These rules, procedures, and expectations are necessary for the safe and orderly operation of our schools and buses. I trust you will help us in our efforts to maintain these practices. Please contact me should you ever have any questions or concerns regarding your child or specific school programs. I again welcome you to a great school year. Together we can make your child's time at Central Elementary School rewarding and enriching.

Sincerely,
Samantha Westberg
Principal
Central Elementary School