

Central Elementary School

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Dear Central School Students and Families,

I'm back!! And with me comes the start of the 2021-2022 school year. After one of the most tumultuous years in recent memory, it is a combination of relief and excitement that accompanies the arrival of this educational journey. This year's theme is "Hit the Reset Button." As any crafty video game player knows, the best way to put an end to a tough stretch is to hit the reset button and start anew. That is what the 2021-2022 school year will be for Central Elementary School: a fresh start. Whether it is the start of preschool or kindergarten or the start of what promises to be a full, traditional school year for everyone, it is time to put the past 18 months in the rearview and accelerate forward on a path to excellence.

I would like to welcome 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. Ayah Muheisen (K), Ms. Victoria Koenig (Grade 1), Ms. Allison Corda (Grade 3), and Ms. Samantha Newton (ASD). These fine educators are excited to join us in leading the leaders of tomorrow. Also, please give a formal welcome to Ms. Amy Fortuin (Resource), who joined us in January 2021. Additionally, we welcome Ms. Nichole Dimilia as an instructional aide, and are excited for the return of Ms. Nicole Cummins and Mr. Joe Wotasek, who come to us as aides after serving in that capacity at our Middle School. You will get to meet all of our teachers at Back to School Night on Thursday, September 23. 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**. We will continue to have the hashtag **#JaguarStars** serve as a theme for this year and beyond. 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 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 School rewarding and enriching.

Sincerely,
Michael Mai
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