

August 16, 2017



Dear Howard Families,

I hope you've all had an excellent summer! We here at school are looking forward to seeing you soon and to having another great year at Howard Elementary School! For school updates and other activities, follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), or [Twitter](#).

We have some new excellent staff members joining us this year, Nicole Kerins (1st grade), Michelle Lampe (PE), Rhonda Lawson (Facilitating, 1st grade), Ronny Mason (PE), Chelsea Norris (Title EA), Becky Robinson, (3rd grade), and Katrina Sugar (KG). Nicole is joining the 1st grade team, taking Linda Kirk's position since her retirement. Nicole has taught for the past 17 years in primary grades at places such as Central Linn and Creswell, as well as overseas. Rhonda is also joining the 1st grade team from Twin Oaks where she was the Title 1 Coordinator, and this year will teach reading and math part of the day in a new position we're adding. Over in the gym, we'll have two new folks, with Michelle Lampe teaching PE full-time in the spring and Ronny Mason teaching 2.5 days a week in the fall. Michelle previously taught PE at Holt and Gilham and Ronny most recently taught PE at River Road and Holt. Chelsea is coming to us from Family School where she was a Kindergarten EA and is going into a new EA position we've added this year. Chelsea also worked at the Howard BEST Program in the past. Becky is joining the 3rd grade team, taking Carla Zimmerman's place as Carla joins the Title 1 team and a 4th grade job-share with Amber Frank. Becky taught 4th grade at Gilham this past year and before that taught in New Jersey (She's also married to Howard's counselor, Mr. Matt). Katrina is joining the kinder team, taking the place of Kealy Barrow-Strange who's moved out of the area. Katrina previously taught kindergarten at Holt the past 19 years (including teaching Ms. Vaughan's kids). We're still in the process of hiring a Title 1 EA position to replace Ms. Miller position who has retired, as well as waiting to hear who will be our new BEST Coordinator.

For your reference, here is a list of classroom teachers for 2017-2018:

KG: Shelly Silver, Katina Sugar, Robin Vaughan

1st: Justine Chunn, Jessy Corliss, Nicole Kerins

2nd: Angela Larsen, Ashley Pond, Mellissa Swift

3rd: Allison Kreider (on leave 1st semester)/Stephanie Peterson, Natalie Niccum, Becky Robinson

4th: Amber Frank/Carla Zimmerman, Erin Gaston, Jenny Groshong,

5th: Lupe Callihan, Suzy Rock, Jill Torres

I think Howard has an exceptional staff, so please welcome these fine new folks as they join the Howard Elementary School family!

Please read all of the attached important information. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call, email or stop by.

Howard staff and I are looking forward to seeing you all soon and working together to provide the best possible education for your children. Here's to another great school year!

Sincerely,

Allan Chinn, Principal