

GRIFFIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Elementary Parents,

Welcome to a new school year! I am so excited to get this school year started and to see all those eager and smiling faces come through the doors on Wednesday morning. There are a few changes this year that I wanted to share with you before school starts up.

- 1) **Griffin Weekly News-** In effort to communicate with families about upcoming events, we will be sending a weekly newsletter each Friday afternoon. This newsletter will contain Elementary, Middle School, and District-Wide activities/updates for the following week.
- 2) **Morning Recess-** Also, we wanted to create larger portions of instructional time in the morning so we have decided not to schedule a morning recess at a set time. Instead, teachers have the discretion of taking a 'brain break' before or after snack time or they can take their own students out to recess if they choose. This was a top priority in our annual needs assessment along with a 40-minute specialist time (which does include PE).
- 3) **Playground Before School-** When weather permits, students will be able to enjoy the playground/playshed before school. There will be supervision from 8:20 until the bell rings at 8:35. Parents that usually stay and wait with their child, are welcome wait with them on the playground as well. Students will still have the option to wait inside by the main office if they choose.
- 4) **Principal's Office-** My office has moved to the space directly across from the main office. This gives me better access to students, teachers, and families. Please don't hesitate to come in anytime the door is open if you have any questions, concerns, or just would like to say "hello".

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