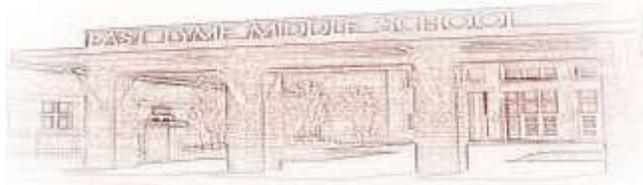


East Lyme Middle School

Judy A. DeLeeuw, Ed.D.
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August 2015

Dear East Lyme Middle School Families,

I hope you are enjoying your summer months, finding time for both fun and relaxation. Our staff is planning an exciting year and is eagerly awaiting your child's arrival.

Preparations for an excellent school year have kept ELMS very busy this summer. Selecting outstanding teachers who are enthusiastically prepared to provide your children with a challenging and motivating classroom experience has taken top priority. ELMS has some changes to the faculty due to retirements and several teachers taking on new careers or securing employment closer to their home and families. ELMS is pleased to announce the following new teachers and who they have replaced:

- Mr. Allen for Mrs. LaPlatney, Math
- Ms. Montano for Mr. Wyand, Math
- Ms. Conlon for Mrs. Crane, Special Education
- Ms. Letellier for Mrs. Curry, World Language
- Mr. Wheatley for Mrs. Kohanski, Music
- Ms. Latham, School Psychologist

Please join me in welcoming these excited teachers to the ELMS community.

School hours are 8:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. Morning drop-off is between 8:00-8:30 a.m. and afternoon pick-up is between 2:30-3:15 p.m.

- Parent drop-off and pick-up will be in the **back of the building only**. Parents must pull forward as far as possible.
- Bus drop off and pick up is in the front of the building.
- No parents/guardians will be permitted in the staff parking lot or the bus loop during the drop-off and pick-up times, unless authorized by the administration.
- Parents must drive slowly and carefully on the access road to prevent accidents.

Additionally, all children are encouraged to ride the bus. Fewer cars help reduce traffic congestion, creating a safer environment for your children. Please check the East Lyme School District website for the 2015-2016 bus schedules.

If your child will be absent, be sure to notify the school by calling 860.691.5413 before 8:30 a.m.

The ELMS website (www.eastlymeschools.org) provides valuable information about what is happening at the school and in your child's kiva. The website includes the school calendar and is frequently updated to notify you of upcoming events and activities as well as announcements and resources.

Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS) is in the sixth year of implementation at ELMS and the theme of **respect** will continue to be our focus. Having a positive, safe school climate is critical for student success, and we welcome families and community members to join us in this mission. Many programs and procedures have been implemented to facilitate acceptance and kindness for all. Remember to check out our weekly Friday Newsletter to learn about new initiatives and events. Access the links on the East Lyme Middle School website for information about PBIS and our newsletter

Together we make East Lyme Middle School a great place for students to learn and grow. Do not hesitate to call if you have any questions. Enjoy the remainder of your summer.

Sincerely,

Dr. DeLeeuw

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