

**Rock Terrace School**

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Ms. Stephanie Schaufelberger  
*Acting Principal*



August 6, 2018

Dear Rock Terrace Families,

Welcome to the 2018-2019 School Year! Dr. Jones and I are excited for what will be a school year filled with learning, relationships and fun. Thank you to everyone who were able to attend the meet and greets. If you were unavailable, I look forward to getting to know you this year.

Each year brings change in staffing. Several staff moved on to other opportunities including James Schneider, Karen Schultz, Lauren Lawrence, Mark Smith, Nathaniel Johnson, and Janine Miller. Each of them have contributed significantly to our community and will be missed.

Please join me in welcoming the following remarkable staff members who are new to Rock Terrace School:

- Ms. Liba Klein, Special education teacher
- Mrs. Paureet Kaur, Special education teacher
- Ms. Presley Bibb, Special education teacher

Please also welcome staff into new roles within the building:

- Mr. Henry Baiyeshea, Upper School
- Ms. Kunjeer, High School

We are also excited to welcome the Extensions program, which will house 10 Upper Level aged students working on job sites that have a staff of 2 teachers and 6 paraeducators supporting them.

Important updates to anticipate for the beginning of the school year:

- On **Friday, August 31st, 2018 between 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm**, our staff will host a **New Student Open House for incoming sixth grade students and other NEW students only**.
- Back to School Night will be on Thursday, September 20, 2018 between 6:30 pm and 9 pm.
- The transportation office will contact families directly about pick up/drop off times closer to the start of the school year.

Our Parent Teacher Group (PTG) is an important component of Rock Terrace School. The group meets monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday. This year the PTG will meet from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. The first meeting will be Monday, September 17, 2018. The PTG supports the school in many ways, including organizing monthly social events (i.e. dances) for the students. The PTG depends on parent volunteers to help the events run smoothly. The time commitment is small, but the benefits to the students are extraordinary. Mrs. Carole Scott and Mrs. Vanessa Jones have agreed to be co-presidents again this year. Please look for correspondence from the PTG at the beginning of the school year. We hope you consider being a part of the PTG.

As Acting Principal, I look forward to supporting each student, staff and parent so that we can celebrate the growth and achievement as a school. I believe that collaboration, communication and having high expectations for all is what supports each student's academic achievement and readiness for college and career readiness.

Sincerely,

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