

August 14, 2019

Dear Families,

Welcome to all our new families and welcome back to all of our returning families. We are eagerly preparing for the start of the 2019-20 school year at East School and wanted to send along our annual summer newsletter here to share news and continue traditions that make East School GREAT!

**We know all of you are eager to receive placement information; placement will be sent via email the week of August 19<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to check your email throughout August for placement and additional information.**

In the meantime, there is a **special summer edition of the East Weekly News** available on the East School website (scroll down to the *East News and Information* section). Thanks to Mr. McLeod and our students for helping us think about what makes East “great” and sharing it with us as we look ahead to a terrific school year!



### **Who’s Who (and Who’s New) @ East?**

We have new staff members to welcome to East and we have some staff in new places ... read on for details!

- **Ms. Jessica Marcinczyk** (previously, an intern at East and long-term sub for Mrs. Taliercio) and **Ms. Megan Weitz** join us as new classroom teachers in kindergarten and grade 1. Our enrollment has been growing this summer so we are thrilled to welcome these new staff members!
- **Ms. Krishna Lynch and Ms. Mary Kate Nicholas** come on board at East as our new school psychologists. Both have served as school psychologists in districts previously and we know their experience will be a valuable asset to students and families here at East.
- **Ms. Vanessa Getman and Mrs. Shannon O’Donnell** join our special education team at East School. They bring experience in meeting the learning needs of elementary children and we are very happy to have them here!
- **Mrs. Jacqueline Abbott** can now be found in kindergarten, **Mrs. Danielle Sedlak** heads to first grade this fall, **Ms. Melissa Parrett** and **Ms. Mary Fisher** will be joining the third grade team, and **Mr. Tom Dempsey** will be teaching fourth grade this year! Lots of great energy as staff share their expertise and collaborate with one another!

### **Looking Good All Around the School!**

Our custodial and maintenance staff, under the direction of NCPS Facilities Director, Mr. Daniel Clarke, and East School Head Custodian, Mr. Fred Word, have done an amazing job preparing East School to “shine” this fall. From the floors to the tables, everything has been cleaned and cleaned again. In addition, there are multiple facilities projects underway inside and outside the building, including painting of hallways upstairs and downstairs, additional drainage for the playground, ongoing

monitoring of air circulation in hallways and classrooms, and installation of air conditioning in our gymnasium. The district also undertook proactive air quality testing this summer in locations throughout the building; all results indicate that we continue to maintain a healthy and safe environment for your child's learning here at East.

We want to send along a **special thanks to our East PTC gardeners** and their East School community volunteers who spent hours this summer weeding, pruning, planting, and more to spruce up the flower beds and bushes in the front of the building. What a beautiful gift they have given to all of us as we enter the building each morning!

### **Speedy Delivery ... Thank you notes, cards, and more!**



Our East **secretaries** – Mrs. Vallely and Mrs. Aponte - and our **custodial staff** – Mr. Word, Mr. Forlenzo, Mr. Rysz, and Ms. Flores – have been working tirelessly this summer managing supply orders, moving furniture, waxing floors, and more. **To show our gratitude and appreciation, we ask our students and their families to write thank you notes or decorate cards to our secretaries and custodians to express thanks.** Our special “**Wee Deliver**” mailbox will be in the front foyer beginning August 21st and **students can drop their cards and notes in the mailbox anytime during the first few weeks of school.** Not only will our students grow in their respect for the work that our secretaries and custodians do at East, but imagine how appreciated these members of the East community will feel to receive such special mail! (*Students can also write notes to our nurse, Mrs. Buckner, and our campus monitor, Mr. Smith, to thank them for all they do for us throughout the school year.*)

### **Save the Date!**

Please join us at our upcoming events – especially our **Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> (2-4PM)** and our **Meet and Greet on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> (10:00-10:30 for grades 3-4; 10:30-11:00 for grades 1-2).**

**Remember to view the East Twitter posts for news & photos throughout the school year:**  
<https://twitter.com/EastSchoolNC>

See you very soon!  
*Kris and Maura*