

# From the Principal's Desk



May 29, 2018

Dear Flatirons' Families:

It is hard to believe that just five short days ago, the building was bustling and we were putting the finishing touches on another great year at Flatirons. The end of the year is always bitter sweet as I say goodbye to many families and get excited about the coming year with many other families. We are already hard at work planning for the 2018-19 school year. As we look ahead to next year, I want to highlight some changes that will be taking place.

This coming year kindergarten numbers are low at many elementary schools in Boulder. Flatirons' neighborhood numbers are also low. Because of this, the district is being conservative in allocating teachers. Instead of 10 teachers, we were allocated 9.5. This allocation is based on only one section of kindergarten. If we have enough kindergarten students enroll over the summer, this will be bumped up to 1.0 and we will have two rounds of kindergarten, morning and afternoon just like this year. The information below is based on our current number of students.

**Kindergarten and Kindergarten Enrichment:** Dana Morgan, who was the long-term substitute for Becky Spear while she was on maternity leave, will be teaching kindergarten. We are excited about her joining the Flatirons team. Because the staffing at kindergarten went down, Julie Oatman has accepted a full-time Kindergarten Enrichment position at Louisville Elementary. The district is in the process of hiring a new Kindergarten Enrichment teacher for Flatirons.

**First Grade:** Based on our numbers at first and second grades, we will not be doing multi-age classes as we have done the past two years. This coming year we will have two first grades and one second grade. Trish De Fries will be teaching first grade along with Becky Spear (formerly at Kindergarten).

**Second Grade:** Jenny Payne-Mead will be teaching our one second grade class. Brittany Hadlow is in the process of interviewing for another teaching position within the district.

**Music, PE and Art:** Jan Osburn will again be teaching music. Loren Duggan (Tillotson) will be out on medical leave to start the school year. We expect her back

teaching again in late fall. Pat Kayser (a long time PE teacher in the district) will be filling in. Sharyl Hazzard has accepted a full-time Art position at Birch Elementary in Broomfield (where she lives). We are in the process of hiring a new Art teacher for Flatirons. Because we will no longer have 3 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade multi-age classes Gabriel Lavastida Guterrez will not be returning to Flatirons to teach PE.

**Office Staff:** Rhonda Simpson is retiring and Suzy Arata is moving into her Principal's Assistant position. Diane Nickerson has been hired as our new Support Secretary position in the office to take Suzy Arata's position.

**Library Para-Educator:** Jeannie Dulaney will be working in the library along with her duties as an Instructional Para-Educator.

As we continue to plan for the coming year, I am excited about the opportunities these changes will bring for each person involved and for our students as a whole. I hope everyone has a restful summer, comes back excited, and ready to go in the fall.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Boesel', written in a cursive style.

Scott Boesel, Principal