



Bertha Neal Elementary School

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Dear Bertha Neal Families,

I hope this letter finds you enjoying your summer break and filling your days with fun memories! It's hard to believe that we are gearing up for the 2017-2018 school year. I'd like to thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. This year is sure to be our best one yet! Below, you will find important information to help you prepare for the start of your child's school year.

Your child will be in _____ class for the 2017-2018 school year.

When making class placement decisions, we consider numerous data points. Individual student data, special needs, equal gender distribution, special services, and the learning style of each student are all taken in to consideration. In addition, the past year's teacher also gave valuable input into the learning needs of your child and was involved in placement.

Sometimes a child may have a special friend who is in another classroom or they may feel left out for not being in a certain teacher's classroom, but please do not request a change this fall. Please help your child understand that there will be many opportunities for old friends to connect while making new friends. Many factors have gone into the process of placing students and every attempt has been made to create well-balanced classrooms. We appreciate your trust in us with these important decisions.

As you may already know, I am currently on maternity leave and will return to school in October. Until my return, Ms. Jody Neumeyer will be the Interim Principal and Preschool Director. In addition, Mrs. Ashley Carlson is the new Secretary at Bertha Neal. Both have extensive experience at Bertha Neal and will be ready to welcome you to another incredible school year!

Along with this letter, you will find a supply list from your child's teacher. Please call the office if you are having difficulty purchasing any of the school supplies; we would be happy to help out, as we receive many generous donations from various parents/organizations. All requests are 100% confidential.

Our school office is closed for the summer and will reopen in August. Our school is currently under construction and will undergo many changes this summer. As a result, we are unsure when we will be able to re-open the office. If you need to get in touch with us, please feel free to leave a voicemail (they will be checked occasionally), send an email, or call the Administration Building (288-2681). We will do our very best to get back in touch with you as soon as possible

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to an extraordinary year with you and your child here at Bertha Neal Elementary!

Sincerely,

Hattie E Rainer

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