

School Street School

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Dear School Street School Families,

We are *happy* to have you at School Street School! I am as excited about this year as any year before...this will be my 23rd year as an educator and there is nothing I would rather do than support kids, families and staff here in Rochester. I hope this is evident through my actions and my words. This summer many staff participated in some excellent training on Responsive Classroom that believes in the collective power of positive community, engaging academics, developmentally responsive teaching and effective management. Our vision for the school community is simple: we seek a thriving school and know all of our actions and words are instrumental in achieving this vision.

Looking back, we recognize Salvatore Guzzardi, Lisa Forsley, Karen Kronenberg, Dotty Sylvia and Meghan Walkama for their years of service to and love of School Street School. We wish them the very best with their new endeavors!

Looking forward, we are thrilled to welcome Marcey Buchakjian-Tweedy, Bridget Combes, Leslie March, Amanda Spellman & Jenna Tilden as well as our many dedicated returning staff.

- Please come meet new staff and reconnect with returning staff at the **Welcome Back night on Monday, August 28th from five to six**. Ms. Britta of Rochester Child Care Center will be available with applications and to answer questions about before & after school care.
- **We did it!** We beat the previous attendance percentage by 2 points. Our attendance rate last year was 94.6. This year, our attendance goal is 95% or higher! The entire Rochester School District is participating in **CHALLENGE 5**- every school would like students to miss less than five days. We know that kids thrive when they feel connected to their friends and teachers and absences that are not necessary get in the way of the fun and the learning. Call us or stop by if you would like support with attendance or any other school related issues. We love our families and want them to thrive.

Please call me or share concerns and good news. Find School Street School at www.rochesterschools.com and anticipate a great year!

My Best