



**Mildred H. Aitken
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Dear Aitken Families:

We would like to welcome all of you to the 2021-2022 school year. We hope that all of you are healthy and ready for a fresh start.

We are proud to announce that our new addition is complete and we are ready to move in! We would like to welcome our new families from Martin. We are happy that they are now part of the Aitken family.

We will start this academic year to what looks to be more promising and hopeful! However, we all know that we are still living in unprecedented times with the pandemic still before us. The health and safety of everyone will continue to be our first priority within our teaching and learning community.

On Monday, August 16th, you will receive your child's classroom placement for the new school year. Please know that much thought and care went into placing students to ensure that each classroom was balanced both academically and socially.

On Monday, August 23rd the School Committee will DETERMINE A MASKING POLICY TO START THIS 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR.

Following the meeting, Superintendent Drolet will communicate ANY POLICIES TO FAMILIES for the start of school in addition to any other guidance. With that being said, it is exciting to know that we will welcome back Aitken students in grades 1-5 on Wednesday, September 1st!

As you know, the district priority was to reduce class sizes in our grade levels. As a result, we now have (4) classrooms in every grade level with the exception of Pre-K. We also welcome new programming to Aitken from Martin.

We would like to welcome new staff and some changes to current staff at Aitken.

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In Kindergarten, we would like to welcome Mrs. Cindy St. Jacques, who joins our team from Martin. She will work together with Ms. Lori Sheedy, our newest kindergarten aide.

In grade 2, we would like to welcome Mrs. Schwab, who moved to grade 2 from grade 4.

In grade 3, we would like to welcome Mrs. Waldman, formerly one of special education teachers.

In grade 4, we would like to welcome Mr. Bart Lush and Ms. Amelia Ayres to the team.

In grade 5, we would like to welcome Mr. Josh Benevides, formerly one of special education teachers.

We would also like to welcome two new special education teachers, Ms. Regina Meagher, and Ms. Caroline Hindley to our special education team.

We would also like to welcome Mrs. Becky Murray and Ms. Jocelyn Albernaz from Martin School who will head our new special education programs. They will be joined by Mrs. Mary Beth Pilon, Ms. Joohee Lee, Ms. Jillian Donnelly, Ms. Robin Pinsonneault, and Ms. Cynthia McElroy, instructional aides.

We would finally like to welcome Mrs. Margaret Levesque, our newest member of the Supervisory Aide team.

The first day of school for students in grades 1-5 will be on Wednesday, September 1, 2020. Kindergarten Orientation will take place on September 1st at 9:30 am in the cafeteria. School for Kindergarten will begin on Thursday, September 2nd. Pre-Kindergarten Orientation will take place on Wednesday, September 2nd; AM is at 11:00 AM and PM is at 1:00 (*More information on Pre-K Orientation will come separately from the Pre-K office*). The first day of school for Pre- Kindergarten students is Friday, September 3, 2020.

Our Annual Open House for grades 1-5 will be held on Wednesday, September 8th, from 6:30-8:00. Details about the format will follow.

We truly hope all of you have a wonderful educational experience at Aitken. We are available to meet at any time.

Have a great year!

Mr. Haidemenos

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