

Superintendent's Message

As I transition from the role of teacher to the role of Superintendent I am incredibly grateful for the support and encouragement that I have received from staff, students, parents, and community. When I arrived in Bickleton as a young teacher 18 years ago I was captivated by the culture of excellence that existed here. Excellence in teaching, excellence in learning, excellence in community support, and excellence in work ethic. It is my goal as I begin serving our district in this new role to continue to promote this culture of excellence for all of our Bickleton Pirates.

This year our staff has been joined by Mrs. Graff who is teaching 3rd and 4th grade. Mrs. Graff comes to us from Sunnyside Christian where she had been teaching 5th grade for the past four years. Our 3rd and 4th grade is our largest class this year with 20 students between the two grade levels with 12 third graders and 8 4th grade students.

Ms. Nunez is continuing to provide our Reading Intervention support this year as well as teaching library for our K-6 students. However, Ms. Nunez is not alone in this effort. After her and her husband welcomed their first child this summer Ms. Nunez returned to school for the first month to establish structures for her classes and is now on maternity leave enjoying time with her daughter. Fortunately, Mrs. Brown is serving as the long term substitute working with our students. After working in our district as a substitute for some time and completing her student teaching in our building last year, Mrs. Brown is familiar with our structures and expectations and already knows many of our students making this a smooth transition.

In the High School Mrs. Wright has stepped into the position of ASB advisor and our ASB has been hard at work with developing the new Pirate Shop, planning student body activities, and boosting school spirit with decorations and activities.

This fall our athletic season has consisted of High School Volleyball coached by Katie Moore, Middle School Volleyball coached by Erica Kingsbury, and Cross

Country coached by Roger Craver. Our High School Volleyball team consists of 6 girls. These girls have worked hard this season to build and grow their volleyball skills as well as their physical endurance. In Middle School Volleyball the team consists of 9 girls with a range of experience who have had an incredible season with several wins. Although Mr. Craver has only had 2 students who are officially Cross Country athletes he has also had several boys from grades 6-8 who have joined Cross Country practice putting in the miles and pushing themselves and each other to reach their running goals.

Parent teacher conferences are right around the corner. We hope to see everyone at conferences at the end of the month (Pascale will be mailing out conference schedule letters soon) and getting to share with you about the work and progress that your child has been making.