Arthur Grade School
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To our Arthur Grade School Families,

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year at Arthur Grade School! I hope you and your family have enjoyed the summer and found time to enjoy some special activities together. We look forward to a new school year of learning together with you and your children. Thank you so much for choosing Arthur Grade School and CUSD 305, to educate your children to develop and become life long scholars. It is my pleasure to step into the role of Principal and support our community in this process.

While my family and I are new to the town, Central Illinois has always been our home. Over the past 17 years working at Champaign Unit 4 schools, I have taught for 12 years in fourth grade before moving into school administration. I served as Assistant Principal of Jefferson Middle School and most recently, the Assistant Principal of Barkstall Elementary in Champaign. My wife Beth and two children (Natalie and Kennedy) are excited to become part of the Arthur community and we look forward to meeting you all. I promise to continue the tradition of excellence that AGS has been known for and to be an active partner in pushing our students for academic, emotional and social success.

This past year has shown us what we can accomplish with a strong partnership between our families and schools. I encourage everyone to continue to share about your families with our staff. We are excited to invite all families to our beginning of the year celebration.

<u>First “Knight” - August 16th from 6 to 7 pm</u>

We would like to invite all of our families to “First Knight” on August 16th from 6 to 7 pm. Our hope is that this will provide families an opportunity to meet their child’s teacher, drop off their school supplies for the next day, and share in some fellowship with friends across town. Teachers will be meeting our families out on the blacktop and students will be able to pop into the school to see their classrooms and drop off supplies. We hope to see all of our Knights there.

<u>2021-2022 Class Assignments</u>

As of August 6, class lists are posted on the front door of AGS. It is also posted within the student’s Skyward account. Staff members are working hard to get their class ready and to welcome our students. Please make sure that your child knows their homeroom teacher for the first day of classes.

COVID 19 Protocols:

While we understand that many families are concerned about current procedures in regards to masking and social distancing in response to the effort to combat the COVID 19 virus, school leadership is working on gathering those answers. Please grant some patience and grace as we gather information to help us make the best decision possible moving forward. As we continue to navigate the situation, any changes will be communicated in the quickest timeline possible.

First Day of School Items

To best support our families as we begin the school year, please see the links below for additional information needed for AGS.

- School Supplies
- First Day of School - August 17th
- School Hours - 8:15 am to 3:30 pm. Students may enter the building starting at 8:00. Breakfast at 7:45 am.
- Arrival/Dismissal - Students will arrive at the door closest to their classrooms. This includes:
    - Pre K and Kindergarten - East Doors off of Ash St.
    - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade - West doors off of blacktop
    - 4th and 5th grade - Northeast doors off of Park Street
    - 6th Grade - South doors off of Lincoln Street
    - 7th and 8th Grade - Begin their day at the High School
- Lunch Menu
- Student Handbook

Yours in Education,

Andrew Peralta
Principal - Arthur Grade School