



Dear Pivik Elementary Families,

On behalf of the entire staff at Pivik Elementary School, I am delighted to welcome you to the 2025–2026 school year! We are thrilled to have our students back in the building, filling our classrooms and hallways with their energy, laughter, and smiles. We eagerly look forward to their return on the first day of school, Wednesday, August 20th.

At Pivik, we pride ourselves on being a joyful and caring community, united by our shared commitment to nurturing responsible, compassionate students while fostering high-level academic learning. This year, we are proud to continue our commitment to Rachel's Challenge by recognizing students who embody the spirit of true character. We'll be celebrating our "Superheroes"—students who consistently demonstrate what it means to be: Honest, Encouraging, Respectful, and On-task.

Each school year brings exciting opportunities for growth, and this year is no exception. We are pleased to announce a few staffing updates:

- **Mrs. Bish** will be joining the fourth grade team as our new English Language Arts (ELA) teacher bringing with her a wealth of knowledge in her previous role as a Reading Specialist.
- **Mr. Nesbit** will take on the role of fourth grade Science and Social Studies teacher having spent the past **14 years** as a **third grade teacher**. His deep understanding of elementary education and his passion for engaging young learners make him a fantastic fit for this new position.
- **Ms. Hanna Russo** joins our team as the School Social Worker. We are excited to welcome her to the Pivik community.
- **Officer Netzlof** will be joining the Pivik community to help ensure a safe and secure environment for all students and staff.

As always, our dedicated faculty and staff remain committed to your child's academic success and overall well-being. For contact information and further updates, please visit our [district website](#). We can't wait for another incredible year of learning, growth, and community!

Important upcoming dates:

- Thursday August 14: "Meet the Teacher"
 - 12:00pm - 3:00pm and 5:00pm - 7:00pm
- Wednesday, August 20: First day of school
- Friday, September 5: Picture Day

Once again, welcome back! I truly value your positive energy and unwavering dedication to excellence in education. I look forward to working alongside you and your children to make this school year a memorable one. Let's make it another great year at Pivik Elementary—together!

Sincerely,

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