



Windermere School

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August 14, 2023

Dear Windermere Families,

Today is the first of many exciting days of the upcoming school year when you find out who your child's teacher is. Later on this morning class placements and a letter from your child's teacher will be available in Infinite Campus. As a reminder:

At 10:00 am, you may access your child's classroom teacher by logging into your Infinite Campus Parent Portal. You can access your parent portal [here](#). You can also click on the 'More' option and see that there is an area to access an electronic 'Backpack.' This backpack is where you will be able to access a welcome letter from your child's classroom teacher.

- **If you cannot access your Infinite Campus Parent Portal, click [here](#).**
- **If you cannot access the letter from your child's teacher, please give us a call at Windermere 860-896-2329.**

All of us at Windermere are beyond excited to welcome you back into our building for the best year yet! Our goal at Windermere will be to provide the highest quality education for all students in safe and nurturing environments. All of our staff is dedicated to getting to know each individual child and helping them learn and grow to their fullest potential.

As your school principal, I have spent my summer collaborating with district administration and members of our school team to make sure we are ready to have an exceptional year. For those of you new to Windermere, I have three boys (ages 11, 10, and 2) with my two oldest attending Windermere. This motivates me to work towards creating the most welcoming, creative, high achieving, and caring school community around. Windermere and Ellington are not just places I work but also places I call my home. I think you'll find Windermere to be a special place with outstanding families and educators.

New this year will be our work with [Ellington Unplugged](#), as a way to create healthy and balanced conditions for learning and meaningful connections. Personally, I spent time being present with my family and friends this summer working to "unplug". The memories have been beautiful- taking hikes, playing outside together, and family game nights. Windermere will strive to create experiences in our learning environment that foster these unplugged values and can't



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wait to see how your family unplugs together. “Family First” will remain a strong core value for our school and community.

We will also remain grounded in the *Ellington [Seeds of Civility](#) along with utilizing RULER to develop our [students’ emotional intelligence](#)* in order to continue maximizing our high academic achievement. As a member of the Windermere community, I want to remind you of our school motto to *R.I.S.E to the Top* each day. *R.I.S.E* stands for respecting all individuals, students, staff, and the environment. Our school culture supports positivity and lifting each other up to help everyone *R.I.S.E* each day. We will find many opportunities to celebrate your child as the school year progresses.

Please take a moment to mark some important dates in your calendar (see below).

- Today - Student Class Placements shared with families
- August 30th: [Meet & Greet Click for Information](#)
- August 31st - First Day of School
- September 4th - No School (Labor Day)
- September 14th- Grades PreK-2 Open House (More information to come)
- September 18th -Grades 3-6 Open House (More information to come)
- September 20th- Half Day- Early Dismissal at 12PM for Professional Development
- September 29th- Picture Day

I would like to officially announce our new certified staff members who are joining the Windermere School Family for the 2023-2024 school year. There are also teacher shifts in grade levels due to our enrollment outlined in the table below:

Welcome to:

- Miss Caitlin Thunberg and Miss Caitlyn Filingeri will join our preschool team.
- Mrs. Giselle Beloff will be welcomed to our fourth grade team
- Ms. Kai DePalma will join us as our new speech and language pathologist



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Grade Level	Teachers
PreK	Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Magnuson, Mrs. Bogrette, Mrs. Story, Miss Filingeri, Miss Thunberg
Kindergarten	Mrs. Hurlburt, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. LaFleche, Mrs. Kozikowski
1st	Mrs. Philbrick, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Sinoradzki, Mrs. McGhee
2nd	Mrs. Lauria, Mrs. Garrow, Ms. McEleney, Mrs. Helems, Ms. Phelon
3rd	Mrs. Dwyer, Mrs. Jackopsic, Mrs. Schroth
4th	Mr. Pechie, Mrs. Menard, Mrs. Poulin, Mrs. Beloff
5th	Ms. Lee, Mrs. Stroly, Mrs. Soloperto, Ms. Carterud
6th	Team 1: Mr. Murphy (ELA/Social Studies) and Mrs. Anderson (Math/Science) Team 2: Mrs. Satagaj (ELA), Mrs. Gentilcore (Math), Mrs. Malone-Reiss (Social Studies/Science)

I look forward to providing your family with a remarkable school experience this year- while ***finding ways to ELEVATE***. We are already bursting with high student achievement, top notch educators, and a bonded collaboration with families- I am eager to explore ways to elevate our work and make this year the best yet!

Windermere School is a place where *we* will shine, *we* will be proud of ourselves and our work, and *we* will rise to the top together!

Thank you for your continued support and dedication!

Kindly,

Jenn Hill; Principal