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Fremont Public Schools

Pathfinder Elementary

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

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Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! I hope your summer has been filled with many chances to make memories with your children. Our Pathfinder family has been busy preparing for a new school year, and we are excited to get started!

At this time, we are planning on 7 sections of kindergarten, 7 sections of first grade, and 6 sections of second grade. We've had a few changes in staffing over the summer. I am excited to tell you that **Tricia Sparks** will be the art teacher for both Daisy Brook and Pathfinder this year. We will have art during the first semester here at Pathfinder and music during second semester. This will ease the scheduling conflicts for teachers who travel between two buildings, and it will provide our students more continuity in their schedules. We will continue to have P.E., library and technology in our schedule.

We have a few new general education teachers this year, too. **Ashley Johnson** is a new kindergarten teacher. We have several new teachers at first grade for several reasons: Mrs. Muma retired, Miss Wills has moved to 3rd grade, and we have added sections to keep class sizes low. Our new teachers are **Maya McAree**, **Hailey Small**, **Emily Berry**, and **Amy Knuver**, who taught art last year. Our new second grade teacher is **Bob Schulz**. I am also excited to introduce **Ed Wosinski** as our new Behavior Interventionist. Be sure to check out our Facebook page and the upcoming issue of School Matters to learn more about our new teachers. I have enjoyed seeing the excitement among all our staff members as they prepare for a new school year.

The other staffing change, of course, is that I am now principal of Pathfinder. I spent 25 years teaching 1st through 3rd grades and an additional year as a Literacy Coach. I feel blessed to bring all my experiences to continue Pathfinder's reputation for excellence.

Our kindergarten open house will be held on Tuesday, August 20th, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Our first and second grade open house will be held on Wednesday, August 21st, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Both open houses will include a scavenger hunt, opportunity to meet the teacher, a Power Point to watch at your convenience, and ice cream. We look forward to seeing you there! If you are unable to attend that night, please contact your child's teacher to set up another time. Meeting the teacher before the year starts is very helpful to decreasing anxiety before the school year starts.

I am so excited to be your principal this year and to support our teachers and students in making this an amazing year! If you ever have questions or concerns, please email me at jferris@fremont.net or call the office at 924-7230 to leave me a message. I will make every effort to get back in touch within 24 hours. We look forward to seeing you later this month!

Sincerely,

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