

Bluejay Buzz

Blast Off to Success!!!



Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! The staff at Seward Elementary is excited to announce our school theme for the year, "Blast Off to Success!" With all of the excitement surrounding the upcoming eclipse, we knew that this would be a great focus for the year! Throughout the year, we will incorporate the space theme into our school days. Our "Out of this World" first day of school is on Wednesday, August 16th. As always, we will meet students in the front of the building and walk inside by grade level (beginning with 4th grade). Let's make this school year a blast! When we work together, the sky's the limit!

Open House Info:

The Seward Elementary Open House is on Monday, August 14th from 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM. Once again, we will be inviting all Kindergarten families, as well as families new to Seward Elementary, to come to Open House from 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM. All other families are welcome to come from 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM. We hope that the staggered schedule will allow families new to our school an opportunity to visit without such a big crowd. If you are a family new to Seward Elementary and are not able to come from 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM, please feel free to come in the 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM time frame. There will be the opportunity to tour the school, meet your child's teacher, pay lunch money, arrange bus transportation if needed, and learn about our school. Please plan on bringing school supplies to Open House. This is a great opportunity to take pictures of your child in their new classroom! We hope you are able to join us for Open House!

Upcoming Dates:

August 14th:
Open House 5:00 PM -
6:30 PM

August 16th:
First Day of School!!! 1:15
Dismissal

August 22nd:
PTO Meeting in Room 110
@ 7:00 PM

August 24th:
School Picture Day

August 24th:
PTO Welcome Back Picnic

September 4th:
Labor Day - No School



Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that summer is coming to an end and we are getting ready for another great school year! I hope your family was able to enjoy some relaxation and fun over the summer and are looking forward to the beginning of school in a couple weeks. I'm sure you noticed that the PTO will be sponsoring a "Welcome Back" picnic on Thursday, August 24th from 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM. This will be a fantastic opportunity for new families and returning families alike to spend a little time eating and socializing with one another. Please be looking for more information about the "Welcome Back" picnic in your child's backpack soon!

We have four new teachers that I would like to introduce, Amanda Clouse, Jen Frihauf, Beth Seegebarth, and Maddy DeSimone. We are looking forward to having them join our Seward Elementary team!

Mrs. Clouse is joining the SES staff as a 3rd grade teacher this year. She comes to us after teaching 1st and 3rd grade in Friend for the past several years. Mrs. Frihauf is our new Preschool/Birth to 3 teacher, coming to Seward after teaching preschool in Beatrice most recently. Mrs. Seegebarth is returning to Seward after beginning her teaching career in Lincoln. She will be a new resource teacher for Seward Elementary and an area parochial school. Last but not least, Mrs. DeSimone is joining the SES team, coming from Muscatine, Iowa. She will be our new 4th grade teacher. We are very excited for each of these ladies to be a part of the SES team!

Hopefully, you will be able to have a wonderful ending to your summer! I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Open House on August 14th! As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the office at (402) 643-2968 or email me at jessica.dominy@sewardschools.org.

Staffing Changes for 17-18 School Year

In addition to our four new teachers, there are also some other changes coming our way this year. The following is a list of grade level teachers for the upcoming school year.

Preschool: Miss Weber and Mrs. Frihauf

Kindergarten: Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Hibbert, Mrs. Cookus, and Mrs. Piskorski

1st Grade: Miss Bohlken, Mrs. Frisbie, Mrs. Oberhauser, and Mrs. Rising

2nd Grade: Mrs. Herrold, Mrs. Jacobsen, Miss Schademann, and Mrs. Turnwall

3rd Grade: Mrs. Clouse, Mrs. Paseka, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Snell

4th Grade: Mrs. DeSimone, Mrs. Greisen, Mrs. Haberman, and Mrs. Luebbe

Specials: Mrs. Flemings (Library), Mr. Todd (Guidance), Mr. Anderson (PE), and Mr. Janda (Music)

Resource: Mrs. Hinrichs, Mrs. Rojewski, Mrs. Seegebarth, and Mrs. Tuenge

Reading Intervention: Mrs. Scheiber and Mrs. Gray

Speech: Mrs. Chiles, Mrs. Opfer, and Mrs. Aschenbrenner



DOES YOUR CHILD RIDE THE BUS? IF SO, PLEASE READ!!!

If your child is not riding the bus for any reason, it is the parent's responsibility to let both Seward Elementary know and let Transportation know. If we do not receive a note or phone call from a parent, students will be on the bus. Students coming to school saying they are not supposed to ride the bus is not enough. We must hear from parents to take students off the bus.