

Dear Parents, Students and the Chillicothe Community:

It is indeed a pleasure to WELCOME all 4th and 5th grade students, parents, and the community to the 2017-2018 school year at Central Elementary! I hope you were able to enjoy the summer and found it to be rewarding and relaxing!

Custodian's Mr. Camerillo, Mr. Rushton and Mr. Sheler are working incredibly hard this July cleaning and repairing our school for the students return. They are working diligently and the building will look absolutely incredible!

Central Elementary teachers have worked hard this summer on preparing to provide yet another year of outstanding instruction. The second year of implementation of Project Based Learning is upon us and we are ready to prepare students to solve problems and think critically. Two teachers attended additional training this summer and we are excited to continue to improve our learning practices. We are also very excited to announce we will have one Chromebook per student at Central this year. The learning possibilities are endless and we are very overwhelmed!

Central houses six classrooms for fourth and seven classrooms for fifth grade. When school begins on Thursday, August 17, students will be greeted by a fantastic educational staff! We are pleased to welcome the following teachers: Ms. Phoebe Pyrtle who will be joining the 5th grade team. She completed her student teaching at Central last fall and then taught as a substitute. We are thrilled to have her back. We are also welcoming Mrs. Brenda Baker to our 5th grade team. She is coming to Chillicothe with about ten years of experience from Trenton. Both ladies are part of the Chillicothe community and we are happy to have them at Central.

We will continue the Student Leadership Committees this year. Each teacher will facilitate a committee of less than 20 students. The students lead the committees and embrace each other and the community to enhance their leadership roles through the 7 Habits of Happy Kids.

Central faculty will use SeeSaw as our communication tool for parents this year. Please make sure to sign up once you receive the code from your child's teachers. It is not only a communication tool, but a digital portfolio of student work. Central Elementary can be "liked" on Facebook under the name Central Elementary School. There are several Central Elementary's on Facebook, so please make sure you find Chillicothe's. We also have a Twitter account, which is #cr2central. We look forward to improving communication through those outlets.

Please join Central faculty on Tuesday, August 15 for Back-to-School Night from 4:30-6:30p.m. If you have transportation questions or have moved, please contact the bus barn at 646-6309 as soon as possible. See you then!

Respectfully,
Melanie Rucker, Central School Principal

