

# Woodbridge School District

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Dear Families of Beecher Road School:

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful, fun-filled summer. What a pleasure it is to have the children back at school again! I look forward to the new school year with a sense of vigor and purpose. During the summer months some changes have taken place at Beecher Road School about which I would like to make you aware. I have summarized the changes below:

1. In agreement with Mrs. Bequary and Mrs. Torre, they are now considered Co-Principals of Beecher Road School. That means that while they continue to supervise their respective grades, they, in addition, will work collaboratively to make unifying decisions for the entire school. They also will work collaboratively to assure that a cohesive instructional philosophy is implemented in grades PreK-6. For that reason, the Co-Principals will have adjacent offices in the North Building, where the Main Office of the school will now be located. Therefore, all parents and visitors with school business should enter the school through the North Building, and stop by the Main Office.
2. The Special Education Office will be located in the South End of the Building next to the Recreation Office.
3. The construction project at the traffic circle at the South End of the Building has been completed with the help of a state-sponsored STEAP grant. This project was done through a Town/School District partnership. The expectation is that the completion of this project will contribute to the safety of our children.
4. There are two replacement positions at the district office level. Charles Zettergren has been appointed as the new Business Manager, and John Panagrossi is serving as the Interim Special Education Director, while the search process continues. We hope to have a permanent Special Education Director in place by the end of September.
5. The Science Lab been completed as well as an adjacent Green House. These new facilities will benefit the implementation of a new standards-based Science program.
6. We have worked very hard to prepare a more comprehensive Parent/Student Handbook, which you will find in your child's take-home packet. I invite feedback on the Handbook through e-mail or other forms of communication.

The Co-Principals will inform you of any school-based staff changes. I look forward to working with the school staff, parents and community in making this the best and brightest school year yet. Working together, we will do wonderful things for the children of Beecher Road School.

Best wishes for a successful school year!

Sincerely,

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