

# DILWORTH

## E L E M E N T A R Y



### Principal's Letter

Dear Dilworth Families,

I hope all of you are enjoying your summer and taking advantage of this special time with your family. The first day of school is fast approaching, and we look forward to seeing everyone again soon. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our returning Dragons and am equally as excited to have our new students join our Dragon family. I look forward to introducing you to our school traditions and getting you engaged in our school community.

Our teachers and staff are eager to begin the school year and are planning a lot of wonderful learning experiences for your children. We are pleased to announce the addition of several new staff members. Please help me welcome: Jackie Rodriguez (Pre K), Emily Abell (K), Kelsey Coleman (K), Kristina Bon(1st), Anna Tegnall (2nd), Emma Goldsmith (2nd), Caroline Solomon (2nd), Emma Dresner (3rd), Hailey Williams (3rd), Josephine Blankenbaker (4th), Amanda Nickens (4th), Caroline Owens (4th) Sophia Ferrera (5th), Zachary English (Music SC), Elizabeth Czenczek (EC SC), and Varsha Patil (Pre K TA). We feel fortunate to have them joining our team and feel sure they will have a positive impact on student learning. We also have a couple of staff members that have moved campuses. Amy Levy has moved from SC EC teacher to LC EC teacher, Kelli Wallace has moved from LC AP to SC AP and Lane Taylor has been promoted from LC Dean to LC AP. Allison Cassidy has moved from SC EC TA to LC EC TA, and Maria Hall has moved from LC EC TA to SC EC TA. Last but not least, we are excited to announce that Celeste Bailey, Dean of Students, will be supporting both campuses this year!

Our commitment to continuing to build a strong sense of community at Dilworth and developing a student body of good character remains a primary focus. The Dragon House concept and school-wide "ON FIRE" program will continue. We look forward to continuing to stretch and grow all our Dragons through the differentiated model of instruction. YET University will continue in our First-grade classrooms, exposing all students to the Talent Development program through rigorous lessons focused on critical thinking skills. In addition, we will continue to provide chess as a special to our second graders and third graders. I am also pleased to announce that our 4th and 5th graders will have the opportunity to participate in a Spring Play. A special thanks for your generous donations to our Tip The Scales campaign for making all of these amazing things happen. I look forward to continuing to provide our students with field trips at every grade and seeing parents support our school through volunteer opportunities.

Between August 16-18th your child will receive a phone call from their new teacher. Assignment letters and transportation information will be sent in the US Mail and should be received no later than August 25th. An Open House is scheduled for August 24th from 3:00-4:30 pm for 1st, 2nd (SC), and 3rd-5th (LC). A representative from the admin team and transportation department will be available to answer any transportation questions. This event will give you the opportunity to see where your classroom is, meet your new teacher, and ask any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you then!

Please remember that kindergarten students will be staggered during the first week of school. Students will attend one of the first four days of school and will **not** be assigned a homeroom teacher until 9/1. Your child's designated day will be noted in the assignment letter being mailed to you.

Open house for kindergarten students will be held on 9/1 from 3:30 pm – 4:00 pm at the Sedgefield Campus. All kindergarten students will report to school starting on Friday, September 1st. We hope you will join us for a kindergarten coffee in our media center after dropping your child off at 7:15 on 9/1. It is a great way to meet other kindergarten parents and celebrate this exciting milestone.

Finally, I urge you to join and become actively involved in our Dilworth PTA this year. Our PTA will have information available as well as a chance for you to become a PTA member at our Open House Events on August 24th and August 31st. Please keep in mind that our Dilworth students could never have achieved the academic successes they have demonstrated in the past without the support of our very active PTA. Our students benefit from every dollar PTA raises. Let's all get involved and work to make our PTA as strong as it can possibly be for our students.

I am looking forward to being your partner in education and making 2023-2024 a great year! Please enjoy the rest of your summer, and we will see you soon.

Sincerely,

Rebecca C. Crawford  
Principal