

DILWORTH

E L E M E N T A R Y



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. This year we have enrolled over 40 new students in grades 1-5 and have a rising K class of over 140 students. I look forward to introducing you to our school traditions and getting you engaged in our school community.

This summer has been a busy one for our Dilworth staff. The Latta Campus has been filled with lots of exciting things happening. Through our Capital Bonds Campaign, we were able to divide two larger spaces into four spaces which allows us to have two more learning spots for our students. In addition, media services combined the Sedgefield Campus and Latta Campus books onto the shelves in our media center. Lastly, our custodians and CMS movers have moved all materials from the Sedgefield Campus into the correct spots at our Latta site. We are all extremely excited to have all of our Dragons in one building!

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: Sophia Perez (K), Elizabeth Mosely (2nd), Addison Schmidt (3rd), Tara Lyons (3rd), and Karissa Grooms (4th). In addition to these new teachers, we are also excited to introduce: John Fraiser (counselor), Kathleen Ivers (Media TA), Marie Hammes (TA), Wendy Willis Johnson (social worker), Thomas Fletcher (Psychologist), and Jenny Slocum (part-time reading teacher). We are excited to welcome all of these members into our fantastic community!

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. 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 19-21st your child will receive a phone call from their new teacher. Assignment letters and transportation information will NOT be sent in the US Mail this year. Only Kindergarten parents will receive a letter stating their staggered entry schedule. Please call the school if you have not heard from your child's teacher before Open House.

Open House is scheduled for August 22nd from 3:00-4:30 pm for 1st-5th grade families. A representative from the admin team and transportation department will be available to answer any transportation questions. This event will allow you 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 8/29. 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 8/29 from 3:30 pm – 4:00 pm. All kindergarten students will report to school starting on Friday, August 30th. We hope you will join us for a kindergarten coffee in our media center after dropping your child off at 7:30 on 8/30. It is a great way to meet other kindergarten parents and celebrate this exciting milestone.

Finally, I urge you to join and actively participate 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 22nd and August 29th. 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 the PTA raises. Let's all get involved and work to make our PTA as strong as it can be for our students.

I am looking forward to being your partner in education and making 2024-2025 a great year! Please enjoy the rest of your summer, and we will see you soon.

Sincerely,
Rebecca C. Crawford
Principal