Dear Rochester families & students,

Welcome back to Rochester Elementary School. It is hard to believe that the 2021-2022 school year is almost here. I am beyond thrilled to start my work within the Rochester community and can not wait to see what the school year will bring.

We are gearing up for the start of the new year, and with the start of the new school year comes some new faces. A special welcome to our new classroom teachers: in our 1st/2nd grade classroom is Megan Cornaglia, 3rd grade is Natale Heilmann, 4th grade (and 5th/6th literacy teacher) is Ron Hall and in 5th & 6th grade (and 4th grade math and science) is Shawn Lenihan.

We are also excited to welcome - Christine Meagher as our world languages teacher, Mary Homan will be our new music teacher, Chelsea Meagher will be the new school nurse and Alejandra Bangerter will be the Physical Education Teacher.

While there are many new faces I’m excited to welcome these amazing new staff with our star returners who will be actively involved with your student’s education in a variety of ways. Amy Braun will be working with all classes in outdoor education, writing and flexible pathways, Linda Gendreau will be our literacy interventionist and Faye Severy will be our math interventionist. Ms. McPhetres will also be back for both library and art classes. Ms. Lauren & Mr. Burleigh will continue to rock out in Preschool this year!

As we continue to go to school in person through these unprecedented times, we will start the school year with all students and staff fully masked while in the building; with the goal of taking advantage of the amazing Vermont fall we will have - with lots of class time spent in our outdoor classroom spaces.

School will start at 8:00 a.m. this year. Drop off will begin at 7:45 a.m. We are working on a bus schedule that will be distributed prior to the first day of school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ms. Stetson
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**First day of One Planet after school program:**

**September 13th!**

Please make sure you let Erica know your student’s dismissal plans until then.

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**Dates to Remember:**

**August 30th - Open House 5:30-6:30** - a chance to visit your student’s classroom! Please plan on being fully masked.

**September 2nd - 1st Day of School**

**September 17th - Noon dismissal**