

August 4, 2023

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the staff here at Durham Nockamixon Elementary School, to welcome you to the 2023 - 2024 school year!

As we gear up for a new school year, we are excited to share our updates at DN including new carpet in common areas such as in room 109 (music/spanish/health) and the instrumental room. While playing outdoors our students will now enjoy a brand new buddy bench, digger set, and freshly painted games and map on the blacktop.

Please join me in congratulating the following staff members as they begin to work in their new roles:

We are thrilled to welcome the following professionals to our DN Team:

- Angie Leopold, 5th Grade ELA
- Jenny Pfleiger, Kindergarten

Familiar Faces In New Places on our DN Team:

- Amanda Dalton returning from maternity leave to kindergarten
- Marisa Moyer, Title I Math Intervention Specialist

We are proud of the recognition we received from the state of Pennsylvania for our work with School Wide Positive Behavior in the area of *Sustaining Implementation with Fidelity* while also continuing our distinction as a school with *No Place For Hate*. Durham Nockamixon was also designated as a Youth Heart Watch Heart Safe School last spring. We continue to successfully expand Tier II support, for our students in need of a slightly more differentiated design approach in both behavior and academics. Our team has participated in extensive training to implement a multi-tiered system of support for all students.

We believe that it is our responsibility to create a warm welcoming environment where positive interactions through respect, responsibility, safety, and perseverance are valued, modeled and

encouraged by all. Communicating as a collaborative team, the faculty and staff of Durham Nockamixon Elementary School put children first as they are at the center of everything we do.

As we look forward to the start of a new school year with your youngster, we would like to bring your attention to two very important upcoming events:

- ***Elementary Orientation*** - August 22, 2023
 - Kindergarten Orientation: 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
 - All Students: Supply Drop Off/Classroom Visitation: 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
- ***First Day of School*** - August 28, 2023
 - Kindergarten: Last Names A - K only, August 29th is the first day of school for last names L - Z only. August 30th all kindergarten

Student classroom assignments will be released this afternoon Friday, August 4, 2023 as teacher welcome letters go out to our families via email. School supply lists for the coming school year are located on the main page of the DN website for your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Marie C. Collie".

Marie C. Collie, M.Ed.
Principal