Dear Parents and Guardians of Baxter Elementary Students:

I hope you had a relaxing and fun summer. With David, the last of our five children graduating from high school this spring, we were busy with many graduation parties to attend, college shopping to do, orientation day, and more! In addition, we had three weddings, so we've been busy having fun but not including as many trips to the lake as normal. The Baxter Staff and I are excited for the new school year, and are looking forward to a partnership with you in educating your children.

I strongly encourage you to attend the Baxter Open House on Wednesday, August 28 from 4:30 to 6:00 for first through fourth grades. You can learn more about Volunteering, Free & Reduced lunch sign up, Family Access and more. I will be giving The Principal's Message at both 5:00 and 5:30 in the gymnasium, including an update on the new building. Our Baxter Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) will be providing a snack and information on joining the PTO. Kindergarten teachers will not be available on August 28th as they will be hosting Kindergarten Orientation on Tuesday, September 10th at 5:30. For Baxter school information, please check out the Baxter Webpage (updates are currently in progress) or find us on Facebook - both Baxter Elementary School and Baxter PTO.

Baxter Under Construction is our building wide theme. Our students will be under construction as they learn, grow and develop throughout the 2019-2020 school year. So much change and growth happens in a school year, physically, academically, emotionally, and socially. We encourage you, our Baxter Families, to be a part of this process. Building a successful learning experience takes true partnership. A solid foundation for reading comes from reading at home nightly - consider creating a Reading Zone at home to match our theme. As we hit the Learning Zone this fall, we need volunteers. Please consider volunteering or asking a relative or friend to volunteer. This will truly be a year under construction for our new building as well.

During the first two weeks of school, parents can share in the excitement of school starting and walk children to their classrooms. After that, please say your goodbyes at the door and let your child walk to the classroom. If you are visiting or volunteering in the school, you will be required to sign-in and wear a visitor’s badge. This system is in place to provide safety for all and to record who is in the school during student contact time.

On Thursday, August 22 at 11:00, I will have a brief meeting with parents of kindergarten students during KinderCamp to go over some building procedures. I hope everyone had a fun and relaxing summer. If you have any questions regarding the information shared please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tammy Stellmach, Principal
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