

July 26, 2019

Dear Stober Community,

I am thrilled to welcome everyone to the 2019-20 school year! I hope that your summer continues to be filled with great energy, adventure, and that the memories you are making with family and friends are ones of great joy. Over the past three years, it has been my honor to serve as your Principal and to be a member of this incredibly strong, caring, and thoughtful community. I am looking forward to this year as we continue to work in partnership to support our students in building a strong academic foundation, develop a sense of agency as individuals, and to provide them with engaging experiences that empower them to be life-long learners and leaders and agents of change for our world. I want to especially extend a warm greeting to those of you who are new to Stober, and to our Kindergarten families, for whom we feel so fortunate to welcome to our community!

As with any new school year, we are excited to welcome new members to our staff team as well as celebrate those that continue to make such an incredible difference in the lives of our children. I want to make you aware of the new faces that you will be seeing on our staff this year.

First, *Kristin Molina* will be joining our special education team as our .5 Learning Specialist teaming with Ms. Nation to continue to provide exceptional services for our students. With Ms. Dunning on a year leave to pursue her personal passions, our Music team this year will be *Jen DeRose* and *Tyler Jones*. Additionally, we are welcoming *Bryan Westman* as our Art teacher. *Emily Melancon* will be joining us as our English as a Second Language Tutor providing support to our English Language Learner students.

We are also excited to welcome *Michelle Brook* as our new 5th grade teacher teaming with Mr. Smead. Michelle comes to us from Coal Creek Canyon K-8 where she has spent the last 7 years. Ms. Brook is a three-time Jeffco Values Award Recipient and we feel confident that her practices and philosophy are an incredible match for our Stober community!

Our grade level teams for this year are listed below:

Kindergarten-Mrs. LeVett and Mrs. Smith
1st Grade-Ms. Barker and Mrs. Stone
2nd Grade-Mrs. Barru and Ms. Fields
3rd Grade-Mr. Dudley and Mrs. Raley
4th Grade-Ms. Fairchild and Ms. Gordon
5th Grade-Ms. Brook and Mr. Smead

Our first day of school is August 14th, with a full day for all students in 1st-5th grade and a modified day of 9-11 for our Kindergarteners. We hope that everyone will join us for our Meet

and Greet on Monday, August 12th from 4-6pm. This is an opportunity to meet your teacher, visit your classroom, and drop off any supplies.

One note for your upcoming calendars: If you are able, please join us for the Wheat Ridge Carnation Festival Parade on Saturday, August 10th. Stober will have a float in the parade and we hope to have many Stallions join us in this fun Wheat Ridge tradition. More information to come!

I look forward to seeing all of you in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at anne.dicola@jeffco.k12.co.us or by phone 303-982-7610

Sincerely,

Anne DiCola, Principal