

August 24, 2011

Dear Parents,

The first day of school will be here before we know it. I just wanted to remind you of a few important dates. Class lists will be posted on the front doors of Ames School on Friday, August 26th at 9:00 am. School begins on Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> with a half day of school for 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders (8:25 am-11:30 am) and for all Kindergarten students according to the schedule you received. The First Day of School Assembly will be held from 10:30 am-11:30 am on the blacktop. The Ames Faculty will be introduced and initiatives for the 2011-12 school year shared.

**The staff assignments for the 2011-12 school year are as follows:**

**CLASSROOM TEACHERS**

Mrs. Tina Duve- KDG AM  
Mrs. Nicole Kinkin-KDG AM & PM  
Mrs. Jennifer Ohlman- First Grade  
Ms. Clare Orr- First Grade  
Mrs. Sara Hickey- First Grade  
Mrs. Carol Murphy- Second Grade  
Mrs. Mary Orlowski- Second Grade  
Mrs. Danielle Munson- Third Grade  
Mrs. Paula Stephens- Third Grade  
Ms. Angela Bursich- Fourth Grade  
Mrs. Kristen Mimplitz- Fourth Grade  
Mrs. Nicole Temple- Fourth Grade  
Mrs. Lauren Allen- Fifth Grade  
Mr. Christopher Harvalis- Fifth Grade  
Mrs. Amy Wright- Fifth Grade

**PARAPROFESSIONALS**

Mrs. Erin Prater  
Mrs. Barb Vicienik  
Mrs. Doreen Forret  
Mrs. Cindy Pinkus  
Mrs. Barbara Preston  
Mrs. Mary Jo McCloskey  
Mrs. Maria Bloom  
Mr. Greg Cooley

### **SPECIAL AREA TEACHERS**

Mrs. Jane Lauritsen- Music  
Mrs. Candy Ekstrom- Art  
Mrs. Gail Goletz- Physical Education

### **SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

Ms. Caitlin Collins- Special Education Resource Teacher  
Mrs. Joan Karrison- Special Education Resource Teacher  
Ms. Susan Battersby- QUEST Teacher  
Ms. Melanie Lanni-TPI/Bilingual Teacher

### **SPECIAL SERVICES**

Dr. Mary Polk- Director of Special Education  
Mrs. Linda Roberto- Special Education Secretary  
Mr. Vern Bettis- Director of Technology  
Ms. Carrie Levin- Social Worker  
Mrs. Michele Showel- Speech Therapist  
Mrs. Maria Bereckis- Reading Specialist

### **LIBRARY**

Mrs. Gail Bieschke, Media Specialist  
Mrs. Ellen Nolan, Media Assistant

### **OFFICE TEAM**

Mrs. Jan Sheppard, School Secretary  
Mrs. Sherry Fornaris- Office Assistant  
Mrs. Maria Scalici- Office Assistant

### **CUSTODIANS**

Mr. Vasco Markovski- Daytime  
Mrs. Irene Brownell- Evening

The Ames School Faculty is excited about the 2011-12 school year!!! We cannot wait to work with your children and provide them with a challenging, rewarding academic/social experience this year. Furthermore, we look forward to working with parent and grandparent volunteers in the classrooms, school events and programs. Participation in the PTA is encouraged. Please contact Lisa Hennelly at [lhennelly@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lhennelly@sbcglobal.net) or Lisa Freel at [freel@prodigy.net](mailto:freel@prodigy.net) about joining the PTA.

As the principal of Ames School, I look forward to providing strong leadership to the faculty, parents and children in order for all to thrive and grow throughout the school year. I have an open door policy and welcome your comments, ideas and suggestions for improvement. Please feel to contact me at (708) 447-0759 or by e-mail [lieggic@district96.org](mailto:lieggic@district96.org) with questions or ideas.

Respectfully,

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