

Country School

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Dear Country School Families,

On behalf of the teachers, specialists and staff of the Country School, I would like to officially welcome you to the 2020-2021 school year. I hope this letter finds all you enjoying the remaining days of Summer and staying healthy. Connecting once again as a Country School community is long overdue! All of the Country School team members have been working incredibly hard to make the school feel safe and special for the students. We are all very excited to see all of the children very soon.

Over the next few weeks, there will be lots of information being sent out. I will be emailing, hosting forums and sending along video messages to help everyone feel ready for the start of the school year. This morning, I am eager to share the teacher list for this year, as we have many new faces to welcome! Later on today, you will receive another email specific to your child's placement. See below for more information on what is coming your way in the next few days.

Staffing

The Country Team has risen to the challenge and the change that this school year will bring! We have some teachers taking on new roles in the Remote Learning Academy, others that will be teaching a different grade than before, and many new faculty added to our team. To help everyone keep track, I have listed the classroom teacher assignments below. A few things to note; Julie Jowaisis and Deydania DeDonato will be continuing their maternity leave this Fall. We are in the final stages of hiring a long term substitute to join our wonderful Kindergarten team!

Please join me in welcoming these new and returning faces to Country!

Preschool	Kindergarten
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nellie O'Malley - Happy Hoppers• Jeanne Melanson - Friendly Flyers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tom Flaherty-Dawson• Deydania DeDonato• Nicole Poutasse
First Grade	Second Grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ashley Mariano• Lauren Gaca• Lindsay Bertonazzi• Brittany Toy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jessica Gerson• Kristin Morrison• Kyle Hawk• Lizzie Donlon
Third Grade	Remote Learning Academy
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heather Lambo• Janis Fathman• Mikayla Quinlan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• K-Christie Wyman• 1st-Emily Lattin• 2nd-Anna Winchell• 3rd-Jon Morong• 3rd-Trevor Glode

We have a few more positions that we are working to fill before the start of the school year. I will share a full faculty/staff list soon!

Teacher and Cohort assignments

Your child's classroom teacher and cohort assignment will be emailed to you today, **Friday, September 4th**. This information will also be available in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal after 3:00 pm. You will receive an email with information on how to access your parent portal and steps to retrieve this specific information. At the start of next week, each classroom teacher will be reaching out to their new students to welcome them to their new classroom.

Kindergarten Specific Information

We invite you to a Kindergarten Orientation via Zoom on **Friday, September 11th at 8:00am** for families to hear about some general Kindergarten information and answer any questions. This event is for adults only. Link will be shared via email closer to the date. On **Monday, September 14th**, you and your child are invited for a school visit. You will have the opportunity to visit the external school property, meet your classroom teacher and fellow cohort mates. Information from your classroom teacher will follow with specific times and locations.

Grades 1-3 Parent Forum Information

We invite you to a Parent Forum via Zoom on **Thursday, September 10th at 8:00am** for families to hear about new safety protocols and answer any questions. This event is for adults only. Link will be shared via email closer to the date.

At Country School, we are committed to providing a safe, welcoming and engaging learning environment across all platforms for our students this school year. We are embarking on a school journey like no other, and are excited for the adventure. I look forward to our home/school collaboration to ensure that this year is the best it can be. Stay tuned for even more information in the coming days!

Enjoy the remainder of your summer and I look forward to welcoming you and your child(ren) to this new school year!

Sincerely,
Erin Maguire
Principal
Country School