

# Country School

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Dear Country School Families,

On behalf of the entire Faculty and Staff, welcome to another exciting school year at Country School. As we embark on this journey together, I want to extend a warm welcome to all our returning students and families, as well as those joining us for the first time. I hope everyone had a wonderful Summer filled with doing things you love! I am looking forward to a fantastic year ahead. All of the Country School team members have been working hard throughout the Summer to prepare for the upcoming school year and are eager to welcome everyone back to school on Tuesday, September 5th.

Over the next few weeks, there will be lots of back to school information being sent out from the District, myself, and classroom teachers. I am also available over email, by phone, or to meet in-person as needed. Please do not hesitate to reach out. In addition to this communication, you will receive an email specific to your child's school and class placement. If you do not receive an email with your child's placement information by the end of the day today, please reach out.

## **Staffing**

Please join me in welcoming new and returning faces to Country School! We are excited about many changes to our teaching teams this coming year. Given the changes in sectioning, some teachers will be teaching a different grade than last year. Please use the chart below to see who is teaching at each level, as well as a list of new faculty/staff members.

<b>Preschool</b>	<b>Kindergarten</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nellie O'Malley - Happy Hoppers</li><li>• Julie Jowaisis - Friendly Flyers</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tom Flaherty-Dawson</li><li>• Deydania DeDonato</li><li>• Christie Wyman</li></ul>
<b>First Grade</b>	<b>Second Grade</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Emily Lattin</li><li>• Ashley Mariano</li><li>• Brittany Nicolas</li><li>• Lizzie Donlon</li><li>• Kaila Gavriel</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Janis Fathman</li><li>• Heather Lambo</li><li>• Anna Winchell</li><li>• Julia Malita</li></ul>
<b>Third Grade</b>	<b>New Faculty and Staff</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jessica Gerson</li><li>• Jon Morong</li><li>• Kristin Morrison</li><li>• Mikayla Quinlan</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Julia Malita-Second Grade</li><li>• TBD-BCBA (long term sub)</li><li>• TBD-Early Literacy Aide</li><li>• TBD-Math Intervention</li><li>• Kelly MacDougall- Learning Assistant</li><li>• TBD-Learning Assistant (x2)</li></ul>

### **Teacher assignments**

Your child's classroom teacher assignment will be emailed to you today, **Wednesday, August 23rd**. 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.

### **Preschool Specific Information**

On **Tuesday, September 5th from 8:45-9:30 am**, you and your child are invited for a school visit. You will have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom, and meet their classroom teacher and fellow classmates. Information from your classroom teacher will follow.

### **Kindergarten Specific Information**

On **Tuesday, September 5th from 10:00-10:45am**, you and your child are invited for a school visit. You will have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom, and meet their classroom teacher and fellow classmates. Information from your classroom teacher will follow with the meeting location. Following the Kindergarten visit, the WCCA will be hosting a Kindergarten welcome party on Alphabet Field. (This field is located on your right as you drive down Alphabet Lane, just before you Country School.)

### **Grades 1-3 Parent Information**

We look forward to welcoming our new and returning students in grades 1-3. Classroom teachers will be in touch regarding a time to visit the classroom. You can expect to hear from your child's classroom teacher in the next few days.

### **Join the PTO**

On behalf of the Weston PTO and our wonderful volunteers, I hope you will consider [joining or renewing your membership today](#). If you have already joined the Weston PTO for the 2023-24 school year, thank you for supporting this terrific organization. If you have any questions about membership, or your current membership status, please contact the PTO's Membership Co-Chairs [Theresa Nibi](#) and [Jaclyn McDonald](#).

PTO membership provides parents and guardians the opportunity to express interest in helping out with a variety of events which happen throughout the school year. PTO membership does not require volunteer time, but the hope is that all families in the District will choose to join or renew their membership to support the work the PTO does in our schools on behalf of our children, faculty, staff, administration, and you, our parents and guardians! Your PTO membership also offers access to an online directory so you can connect with other families in your child(ren)'s school(s). PTO membership also keeps you more informed about special events, volunteer opportunities, or other important information to keep you up-to-speed on what's happening!

At the start of next week, I will send an email with more detailed information regarding school protocols and procedures. This email will include a link to our Student Handbook and our Safety Protocol Handbook. I would also like to extend an invitation to all families to attend a Parent Forum on **Wednesday, September 13th at 8:30am** to learn more about the start of the school year and to answer any questions you may have.

At Country School, we are committed to providing a safe, welcoming, and engaging learning environment for all of our students. As we begin the new school year, I encourage you to embrace the spirit of curiosity, perseverance, and collaboration. We are excited to partner with you to make this a memorable and successful year for your child(ren).

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Thank you for entrusting us with your child(ren)'s education. We look forward to our home/school collaboration and partnership throughout the year. Stay tuned for even more information in the coming days!

Enjoy the remaining days of Summer. Here's to a fantastic year of growth, learning, and achievement!!

Warm regards,  
Erin Maguire  
Principal  
Country School