



James M Faulkner Elementary School
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is with much excitement and enthusiasm that I am writing this letter to introduce myself to the James Faulkner Elementary School Community. I come to James Faulkner with several years of teaching experience within SAU 24. I have spent many years taking on leadership roles and just recently graduated with my Masters of Education in School Administration. I live in Concord, NH with my husband and 10 year old son.

It is my strongest belief in education that when each student is provided with the optimal learning environment, a respectful learning community, and best teaching practices all students can become successful lifelong learners. James Faulkner Elementary School is a great place for this to happen. We house a committed group of staff that hold a common vision and work for the betterment of the students we serve.

As I have settled into my new position this summer, my top charge and priority has been planning and preparing for the increased enrollment at JFES. Our projected number of enrolled students last June was 62, as of today our enrollment has increased to 73 students. Over the past four weeks there have been many discussions between the School Board, Superintendent, myself, teachers, and the staff with careful consideration and thought into the best possible classroom configurations and locations. With our enrollment at 73 and only 3 classroom spaces available, the following plan is in place for the start of school. The Kindergarten class will be taught by Mrs. Guertin in a designated space in the Community Room. The second grade will be split into two classes, with Ms. Minard teaching 1st and 2nd graders and Ms. Cornwell teaching 2nd and 3rd grade. Ms. White will teach the 4th and 5th graders. If you have a 2nd grader, additional communication will be sent notifying you regarding your child's placement.

This summer has been filled with many building updates and changes at JFES. Mr. Lagasse and his hardworking crew have been working countless hours to prepare our building and grounds for opening day. Outside you may notice the new cement walkway in front of the building and many new shrubs, trees, and flowers.

School begins for students on Wednesday, August 27th. Teachers will return on Monday, August 25th however they will be in meetings on both Monday and Tuesday. If you plan to visit your child's teacher, please call the school for the best available time.

I look forward to an exciting year of learning and growth for all members of the JFES community. I welcome all communication. Please feel free to contact me by phone (603) 446-3348 or by email Martha.lemahieu@sau24.org with your questions and concerns.

Sincerely,

Martha LeMahieu, M.Ed.

Principal