September 2, 2021

Dear Dewey Families,

It is with such joy I welcome you to Dewey….some I am excited to welcome back and some I am happy to welcome. It was like a long lost reunion seeing some of your faces. I have missed the laughter, smiles, and genuine happy noise of school.

It has already been an invigorating opening of school with many opportunities to be flexible and adaptive based on our Covid restrictions, ballooning enrollment, and community feedback. I am excited to see your children learning in classrooms and playing with new friends on the playground.

I hope you take many opportunities to become involved with your child’s classroom and our school. The partnership between parents and the school is vital to your child’s success. We all share the same goal of having your children blossom both academically as well as socially/emotionally.

We are fortunate to have a Military Family Life Counselor here at Dewey during school hours to help with social adjustments, transitions, moves, deployments, and just about anything else you can think of. Her name is Shelby Teeter. Feel free to reach out to her by phone- 619-340-4610 or email her at shelby.teeter@leidos.com.

We are a STEAM school so all teachers have attended and will continue to attend rich professional development classes around how best to implement Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math lessons daily. We find that our students especially enjoy this time of day to explore and create with their friends.

We also are fortunate to have a long standing relationship with Liberty School. All of our first through fourth grade students will have many opportunities to be exposed to fine arts lessons taught by real artists throughout the year. This is a unique experience only for Dewey students!

It is an honor to serve you and your children and we appreciate all you do to support your child(ren) in partnership with us! If any concerns arise please reach out to your child’s teacher or myself.

Sincerely,

Tanya McMillin
Principal
Dewey Elementary