

LUTHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Dear Luther Families,

The first three weeks of the school year have gone very well for students and staff. Please take some time to read this newsletter as it contains important information for you to know as Luther families. Enjoy some pictures of the children in action the first few days of the school year.



This is going to be a great school year!! The Luther Staff really value the professional development that they have received and will continue to receive in reading, writing and math. This allows us to be at our best when teaching and helping students learn. It is important that the school staff and families of students work together to help all students achieve success. Thank you in advance for our partnership in helping your children grow!!

Sincerely, Dave Geiger, Luther Principal

New Luther Staff Members:

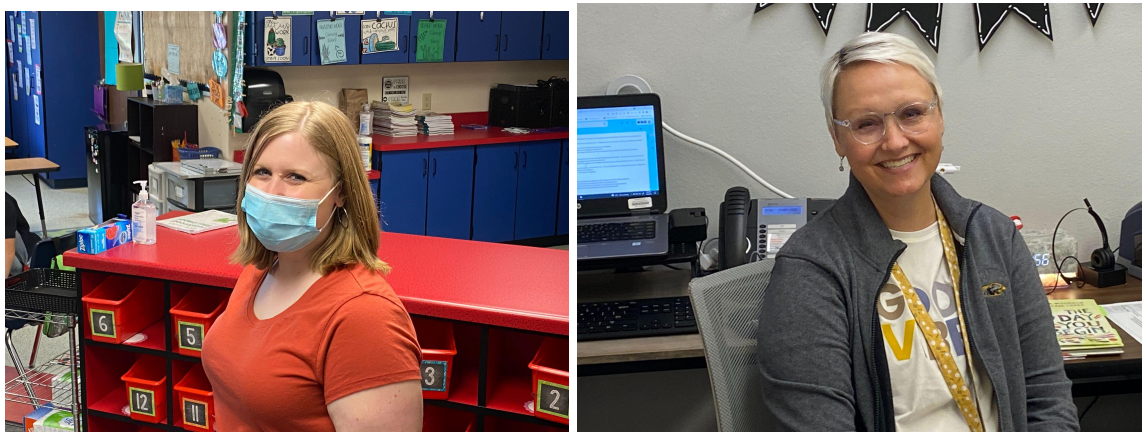
We have a few new staff members that I would like to share with you:



The picture on the upper left is Mrs. Kerr, First Grade Teacher, and Mrs. Ehlers, First Grade Teacher. The picture on the right is Mrs. Noll, Behavior Interventionist.



The picture on the left is Ms. Harmytas, Speech and Language Student Teacher. The picture on the right is Mr. Kennedy, Special Education Teacher Intern.



The picture on the left is Ms. McKenney, Grade 4 Teacher Long Term Sub. The picture on the above right is Mrs. Gustin, reading interventionist/coach.

Mitigation Items:

- Bubblers are turned off, please send a water bottle to school with your child. The bottle fillers are on and working.
- Birthday treats should be pre-packaged and bought from a store.
- Face coverings are optional.
- Please keep students home if they have a sore throat, cough, headache, fever, vomited, etc

BASE (Blackhawk After School Enrichment Program)

We are hiring! As our membership numbers continue to grow, we are looking to expand our team. If you know of anyone that would be a good fit, please direct them to www.basefortatkinson.org/employment.

S DFA Calendar

Parents should make sure they have reviewed the [District calendar](#) for important dates. Students are released on one Monday per month at 1:30 as teachers will be in professional development sessions on those afternoons from 1:30-4:30.

Early Release Days

The first early release day is on Monday, September 20th at 1:30. Students will have eaten lunch at school. Please be sure your child understands where he or she should go at the 1:30 dismissal.

Drop-off and Pick-up

Thank you for driving carefully during drop off in the morning and pick up in the afternoon. This process has been going well but it takes all families and staff to ensure we are creating a safe environment for our students.

Birthday Items

All birthday treats sent to school need to be pre-packaged and store bought. Also, birthday invitations should be given to students outside of school. If they are handed out in school this can exclude certain children and it makes them feel badly. The options are to give an invitation to all students or just send them to children outside of school. Thank you for your cooperation.

What to do if your child is sick?

If your child is ill or will be missing school for whatever reason you can share their absence with us in the following ways:

- Call 563-7828, Mrs. Dunkleberger, School Secretary will help you out
- If you receive the voicemail, please leave a message with your child's name, grade, date and reason for absence. Mrs. Dunkleberger checks messages daily.
- You can also email her at dunklebergerm@fortschools.org with the information listed above.



LUTHER LOYALTY DAY

The first Friday of the month is the day we like to call LUTHER LOYALTY DAY! We encourage students and staff to wear Luther Lightning gear or purple & yellow to show off our school spirit!

Counselor Corner

I am so excited to start a new school year at Luther! As the school counselor, I work with all students throughout the day on the playground, in the hallways, individually or in small groups, I collaborate with teachers to help support students' needs socially, emotionally, and academically. I also teach a 30-minute class once in a 10 day cycle. Previously, this class was called "Guidance," and I often reminded students that the things we talked about in class were intended to be carried outside of that room- they were *life skills*, hence the new name for our class, which seems much more applicable to our students - Life Skills class! The focus of our class time is to teach inter- and intrapersonal skills, communication skills, friendship and conflict resolution, goal setting, academic and career exploration, growth mindset, and many other character building skills!

For more information about:

- What a school counselor does and ways I can support your student
- How to talk to your kids about difficult topics
- What is Social-Emotional Learning and PBIS?
- Positive parenting tips
- Access to mindfulness and relaxation techniques

And more...

Visit my website here:

<https://sites.google.com/fortschools.org/richellerottmann>

Please feel free to contact me anytime at rottmanr@fortschools.org or 920-563-7828

Wishing you a fabulous school year,

Richelle Rottmann

School Counselor

Handle with Care

If your family is experiencing difficulty at home, I would like to provide additional support at school. I understand that you are not always able to share details and that's okay!

If your child is coming to school after a difficult night, morning, or weekend, please email me, "Handle with Care." Nothing else will be said or asked. This will let me know that your child may need extra time, patience, or help during the day.

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