



Dearest Gilham Families,

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Welcome back to school! Patti, Linda, and I have been enjoying meeting all of our newest families and getting everything in order to welcome staff back, next week, and to be all set for families at our back-to-school “meet the teacher” event and PTO ice cream social on Tuesday, September 4th from 3-4pm! 1st-5th grade students are invited to stop by, drop off their supplies and meet their teachers. Kindergartens will be invited to enjoy a school scavenger hunt, during which they’ll meet each of our 3 amazing teachers. Also, don’t forget to Like our Facebook Page! It’s often the first place to get up-to-the-minute information about events as well as fun photos of kids in action!

As a reminder, our Jaguar Café is open for free breakfast to all students, every morning beginning at 7:30am. There are always several breakfast options for kids, and breakfast provides a nice transition from home to school at the start of the day. Parents, if mornings are hectic at home from time-to-time, I encourage you to consider simplifying your morning by taking advantage of this handy opportunity. Your stress-level will thank you!

In looking forward to the upcoming year, we are excited to welcome a few new staff members to the team.

- **Esther Byun** is joining our 2nd grade team and will be job-sharing with Ms. Price, this year, teaching math and science in the afternoons. Ms. Byun has taught 2nd grade in Hawaii, the past four years.
- **Sandi Jacobson** will be rounding out our 2nd grade team. She has taught 2nd grade at Buena Vista for many years but lives in the Gilham community and is so excited to be a jaguar!
- **Dody Hansen** will be leading our music program, after having joined us mid-year, last spring. We are so thrilled to have her as a permanent addition to the Gilham team!
- **Ben Kyler** will be our lead teacher for our Life Skills program. Ben is an experienced Life Skills teacher, new to 4J, and we were grateful to bring him over to Gilham.
- **Michael Bressert** and **Dyane Malmgren** are also joining our Life Skills team, and are both coming over from Spring Creek.
- **Moira Carr** will be joining our team and working in the Comprehensive Learning Center.

- **Sara Cutler** will be transitioning from our Life Skills program to supporting our kindergarten classes.
- **Garrett Morris** will be our new evening custodian and supporting evening events. He's coming over from ATA.
- **Cathy Erickson** is replacing Debbie Soto as our staff nurse. She's already familiar with the building and is ready to go!

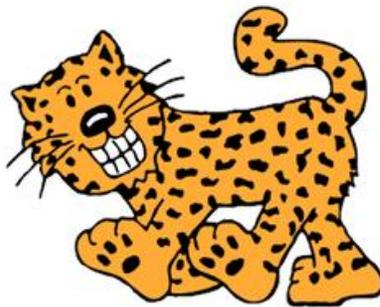
Please join me in honoring all of our new and returning staff members!

Lastly, please tentatively mark your calendar for Parent Info Night on Thursday, September 20th. I am excited to have a chance to celebrate all of the wonderful things happening, here at Gilham, show off the great work that students and teachers are doing, and share our goals for the upcoming year!

Thank you so much! I hope that everyone had a terrific summer and I can't wait to see you all very soon!

Gina Wilde

Principal, Gilham Elementary



Go Jaguars!