May 24, 2016

Greetings!

It seems like just yesterday that you welcomed me to Sarah Smith, but somehow we have arrived at the end of the 2015-2016 school year. I continue to be amazed at the level of support our school receives from each of you; our families, friends, and stakeholders. I hope that the summer is a relaxing and rejuvenating time for you and your family. Don't worry, the administrative team will be working hard this summer to be sure everything is "just right" for your return. I also hope the teachers will get some rest. But, they spend much of their summer learning, researching, and finding out better ways to be an even better teacher. Regardless, we must remember that we all need a break, time to unwind and relax. Spend some quality time with those you love and savor the sweet sensation of summer.

As we end this incredible year, I want to thank all the wonderful volunteers with whom we have worked. Elizabeth Cox, Yeshi Quarterman, and the PTA Board have done an amazing job this year leading a very effective and efficient PTA. Christine Hunt, Christina Barnette, and the SSEF Board have led the very successful Sarah Smith Education Foundation to new heights. Thank you to all committee chairs and volunteers who spent countless hours helping us and planning for us. Thank you for sharing your time with us. You make a world of difference and we appreciate your care and energy. Thank you so much to all the parent volunteers who have made this year special!

Please know that the teachers and administrative team will always make decisions in the best interest of our children. We will be reading each of the letters we received in making decisions regarding class placements. An e-Blast about class assignments will be sent on or before July 22, 2016 so that parents will know to go to Infinite Campus to determine homeroom assignments for the 2016-2017 school year. If you need a password and log-in to access Infinite Campus, please feel free to contact the front office staff during regular summer business hours. If you do not have access to the Infinite Campus portal, please do not wait until the week before the names are posted to seek information about how to access the portal. Our office staff will be swamped then and may not be able to respond to all of your requests.

The district has not announced the date/time for Open House (Celebration of Learning) yet. As soon as it's announced an e-Blast will be sent and it will be posted on the school's website. Again, thank you for trusting us with our world's most valuable and precious resource, our children.

We will not let you down.

Your Principal,

Michael Forehand, Ed.D.