

Banks Elementary School

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Welcome to the 2022-23 School Year!

I am really excited to begin this year and anticipate great things for your student. We will be able to continue many of our Banks' traditions in person, and this is definitely something we have all missed. Having our students back in person last year put the life back in our school. Being able to celebrate success together as a community is a real blessing to me.

Just as a reminder, **masks are optional for students and staff this year**. If you choose to send a mask for your student to wear, we will do our best to make sure they are wearing it correctly indoors; we would like them to be able to take a "mask break" outside. This is totally your decision to make as a parent or guardian. We will also be offering weekly Covid pool testing again, and I encourage you to sign up for that free service when it is offered.

We have been fortunate to hire several new staff members this year. Banks continues to be a school where teachers and other staff members come and stay because they appreciate the community we have built. Our high quality teaching and support staff are here to help your child achieve academically, as well as dealing with the "whole child" including any social/emotional needs they may have. We will be implementing the Character Strong program schoolwide to build relationships between staff and students using a common language.

I look forward to meeting many of you as possible. This is my 4th year as the principal of this fantastic school, so I feel that I am finally getting to know a lot of families. If you are new to Banks, you will find that we have a wide variety of events available, so it is up to you to choose where to get involved. Our first event will be our **"Meet the Teacher" on Wednesday, August 3rd from 1-3pm**. I hope you can join us to find out what teacher your child has been assigned to, but if you can't, feel free to call the office (908-5700) on Wednesday to find out.

Sincerely,

Gail Milton

Principal

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