

Emma L. Miller School Principal's Report

August 21, 2018

1. The school year will begin on Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at 8:30am and will be a full day of school. Dismissal will remain at 2:55pm.

Currently our enrollment is as follows: (Subject to Change)

Preschool – 12	Kindergarten – 7	Grade One – 10
Grade Two – 8	Grade Three – 9	Grade Four – 10
Grade Five – 10	Total - 66	School Choice - 22

2. I am pleased to announce the appointment of our SPED teacher, Debra Sala, who comes to us from the North Adams Public Schools. Ms. Sala will be responsible for overseeing the IEP process and special education supports for our students and teachers. She has an extensive background in special education and literacy, and her experiences and knowledge will certainly be an asset to our school community. I would also like to welcome Amber Will, classroom paraprofessional, who was appointed back in the spring. She will be working in the 2-3 classroom with Kim Wells. Finally, I would also like to welcome Josh Arico, technology coordinator, who will be spending one day per week with us in supporting our technology needs. Welcome Debra, Amber and Josh!
3. Emma L. Miller School has gone through some minor renovations with the new flooring installed in two classrooms and the MPR. These renovations were completed in mid July. We look forward to further completion of this project next year. I'd like to give special recognition to Leo and Sandy for their hard work in moving and cleaning the classrooms during this renovation. Thank you Leo and Sandy! I'd also like to thank the classroom teachers for their extra efforts in coming in during summer to put their classrooms back in order.
4. This summer Sandy Labonte and Jane O'Riordan organized a summer camp for preschool students that ran for two weeks from 9:00am - 12:00pm. This camp was funded through a special education grant. Participation was lower than anticipated, so we will re-evaluate this program for next year to see how we can increase enrollment and participation. Thank you Sandy and Jane for your efforts in providing this early learning opportunity for our students.

5. I am pleased to notify you that four of our teachers and myself will be taking advantage of the Skillful Teacher Course. This exploration course will focus on what teachers believe, know and do in the classroom that impact teaching and learning. Teachers will model and reflect on high-level teaching strategies that will impact student learning and achievement. This PD begins this week with three full days of learning, and will continue through mid-December during our inservice-days.
6. I'd like to ask the Committee to consider the approval of purchasing classroom supplies from Walmart or Staples, as this would result in significant savings than purchasing from a catalogue. I'd like make these purchases and submit receipts for reimbursement.
7. Finally, I just wish to thank John, the School Committee Members, Families, and Faculty for their kind welcome to Emma L. Miller School. I am excited about being a part of this community and look forward to working with everyone, and meeting all the students on the first day of school.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mrs. Tracey Tierney". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Mrs. Tracey Tierney – Principal