

Williamsville-Sherman CUSD #15 District Dispatch –August 2018



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From the Superintendent's Desk

Welcome Back To A New 2018-2019 School Year

Welcome back Bullets and Bee Bee's! I hope you enjoyed a summer vacation or time off filled with fun and exciting memories with your family, friends, and loved ones. Each school year starts a new chapter and new choices in everyone's lives. Everyone has the opportunity for a fresh new start, to make a change, challenge themselves, and set new personal goals. Everyone is undefeated!

The excitement of another school year is in the air and everyone is anxiously awaiting the sights and sounds of all the activities and experiences in store for our students. Students are excited about their new teacher, busy labeling school supplies, buying new school clothes, and getting fresh haircuts for the first day of school. From the learning opportunities in the classroom to the competition of our extra-curricular programs, our school system provides our students opportunities to reaffirm its reputation as one of the top school districts in the state. Soon we will be opening our doors to the most exciting time of the year. In doing so, we will be giving every student the opportunity for success and the lifetime experience that only a strong educational system can provide.

I challenge all students to be involved. There are opportunities for everyone. Your years at WCUSD#15 will go by quickly. Please enjoy the experience. Remember it is "cool to care."

I encourage parents and guardians to be actively involved in your child's education. It takes a Village to raise a child. Creating community-parent-school partnerships will help WCUSD#15 go from "good" to "great." We can work together to collaborate one best solution resulting in "What's Best For ALL Kids."

New Things at WCUSD#15 for the 2018-2019 School Year

- We have enhanced district wide school security and safety. We installed a school security platform in all school buildings and are implementing A.L.I.C.E School Security Procedures.
- We have increase student and teacher technology at Sherman Elementary School. With the assistance of the SES PTO, we have added five interactive panels, 50 iPads, three Chromebook carts, and flexible seating in several classrooms.
- Williamsville 5th Grade Center is transitioning from a self-contained instructional model to a middle school concept where teachers will specialize in a specific content area and have a common planning time. Students will rotate classes each period similar to the traditional junior high and high school model.

- We are implementing social/emotional learning groups with the addition of Guidance Counselors at WJHS and WHS.
- WHS is continuing the "Teach Like a Champion" building initiative by using common language in all classroom and empowering students to lead classroom conversations and model problem solving for classmates.
- Technology professional development is being provided to staff to enhance their instructional methods.
- We are increasing our social media promotions by using Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. We are going to "Tell Our Story" about all the great things happening at WCUSD#15.
- We have six new superstar academic staff members to welcome this school year. CJ Compardo – SES Assistant Principal; Rachel McClain – SES Special Education Teacher; Darcy O'Connor – WJHS 5th Grade ELA Teacher; Jessica Mast – WJHS 6th Grade ELA Teacher; Sarah Dame – WHS Math Teacher; and Mitch Boston – District Technology Director.

I hope everyone enjoys the rest of the summer. Just a reminder, SES and WJHS "Meet the Teacher" nights are August 20th. The first day for students is August 21, 2018. August 21st and 22nd will be half-day student attendance with students dismissing at 11:00am at SES and 11:30am at WJHS and WHS.

As we continue to face challenges in today's education, your support of and partnership with the Williamsville-Sherman School District #15 will help us continue to be a premier educational institution and become destination communities in the State of Illinois.

For up to date district information, I encourage you to follow me on twitter @wcusd15supt, check our website www.wcusd15.org, and like our district Facebook page Williamsville-Sherman CUSD #15. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Starting my second year as your Superintendent, it is a great honor to welcome you back to school and I thank each one of you for your support in adding another successful chapter to WCUSD#15.

IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A BULLET!



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