

WHITE MOUNTAINS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
THE WHITEFIELD SCHOOL

“The School With The Beautiful Point of View”

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Dear Whitefield School Families,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Whitefield School I want to welcome you to the 2017-2018 school year. Over the past few months our Buildings and Grounds and office staff have worked hard to renew the building and organize the school year. Many of our teaching staff have spent a good part of their summer attending important professional development opportunities to learn about and bring state of the art instructional and support methods back to the building. We are fortunate that all of our instructional staff has returned. We are happy to welcome Samantha Gross to the Guidance office. You will remember that Mrs. Gross joined us at the end of last year as Ms. Mason transitioned to full-time care giver for her parent. We are also happy to welcome Gabby Stevens, WMRSD graduate, to a paraprofessional support position as she also works on her training as a certified educator. The consistency in staff is a strength that we will capitalize on this year.

One of our goals for the coming year is to expand the presence of you, our parents, families and community members here at Whitefield School. In partnership with the Whitefield PTO we will be hosting a number of events to strengthen the family-school partnership. We had a wonderful turn-out for our Eclipse Viewing and are looking forward to an inaugural Back to School BBQ on the 8th. We hope to see you here frequently. Increasing communication with the community is also a goal that began last spring with the initiation of *The Lookout* newsletter and continues with the start of a Whitefield School Twitter feed. I invite you to follow us on Twitter @WESPirates. Of course, we continue to maintain the building's webpage at <http://whitefield.sau36.schooldesk.net/> and will use the Alert telephone system strategically. I encourage you to keep your phone and email contacts up to date to ensure timely notifications.

There are a number of new instructional programs that will be in their first or second year of implementation. We have also created a sixth through eighth grade unit and are beginning to explore elements of competency based learning. We believe we are on the forefront of educational practices and are excited about how this will positively impact student learning. Mrs. Plumley and I are looking forward to meeting with you during our fall open houses to present some of these developments to you. I also encourage you to frequently log into PowerSchool to see your child's grades and reach out to their teacher early if you have questions.

Lastly, I want to invite you to stop in when you can. Tell us about how you think your child is doing, propose and idea, express a concern or just say hello. The stronger our partnership, the better the outcome for our students.

Looking forward to a great year,

Michael J Cronin
Principal