

# Windsor Central School District

**Alice Freeman Palmer Elementary School**

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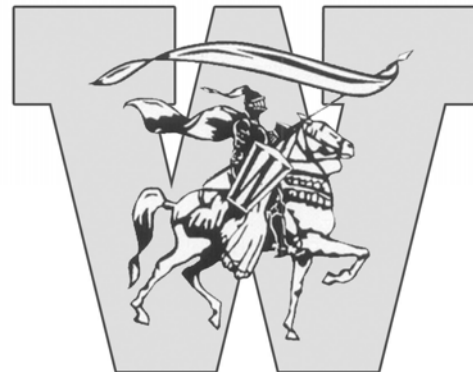
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Warm Greetings to all our Palmer Families,

It is with both pleasure and pride that I welcome you all back to another exciting school year here at Palmer! As I walk through the building this week I am simply amazed at how well everyone has settled into his or her routine. In many ways it is as if we never stopped for summer.

But we did, of course, have a little time off and during this break our maintenance crews stayed very busy completing some projects around the building that I wanted to make you aware of. First, I am thrilled to let you know that we have a new location for our in-house Occupational and Physical therapy services. With skill and craftsmanship our maintenance and custodial teams worked together to transform some previously unused locker room space into a state of the art therapy room complete with a therapeutic swing. It was a labor of love and our students will benefit from this effort for years to come.

I also wanted to point out the improvements that have been made to both the Palmer entrance as well as the interior hallways. From the shiny front steps to the freshly painted walls inside, our message is clear: we are proud of Palmer Elementary School and we take our mission here very seriously. That mission, of course, is to provide your child with the very best education possible in an environment that is both safe and nurturing. To that end, I extend a personal invitation to each and every one of you to attend tonight's Open House here at school. In addition to providing you with the opportunity to visit your child's classroom, this event also offers me the chance to personally welcome all of you back for another year of fun and learning.

In closing, I also wanted to take a minute to remind you that our back to school picnic has been rescheduled for Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Weather permitting we will meet in Klumpp Park from 5-7 pm. There will be .50 cent hotdogs, complimentary desserts, and a DJ on hand so I hope you will be able to stop by. In case of bad weather we will move the picnic inside to Palmer's cafeteria – same date same time.

Until next month,

Jamie Bernard

"The mission of A.F Palmer Elementary School is to provide a child-centered environment where every student feels safe, nurtured and valued and the students, staff, families and community work together to inspire each learner to reach his or her full potential.