

Windsor Central School District

Alice Freeman Palmer Elementary School

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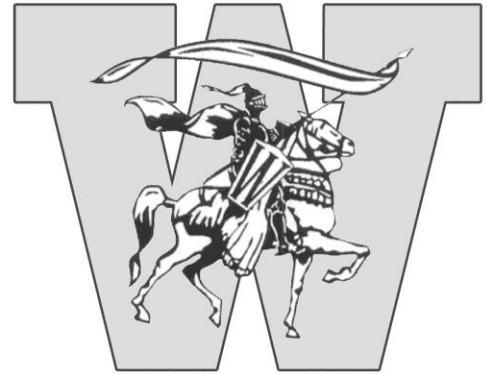
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Warm Greetings to all our Palmer Families,

Although the days are still warm and sunny, the coolness of the evenings remind us that we are on the threshold of yet another Fall which means the start of another exciting school year here at A. F. Palmer. For some of you that means you are embarking on a new era- one that finds you sending your little one off to school for the very first time. For others, it means you are sending your 5th grader off to begin his or her final year as an elementary age student. Either way, I want to extend the warmest of welcomes to *all* my parents and families, grades Pre-K-5, and offer each and every one of you my heartfelt commitment to make this a successful and enjoyable school year for everyone.

Doesn't Palmer look beautiful?! The new sidewalks and steps leading into our entrance, as well as the courtyard and fresh pavement and sidewalks out back, have combined to make the outside appearance of our facility better than ever. As I walk around the grounds I am filled with such a sense of pride and hope that you share in this feeling when you visit the building as well.

And while our outside look was changing, we had some changes occurring on the inside as well. As you know, due to Palmer's growing enrollment, we added an additional section of Kindergarten and this class is being taught by Mrs. Anderson. This meant that we needed to hire a new first grade teacher and I am happy to announce the addition of Mrs. Jamie Leach to our instructional staff. I would also like you to join me in welcoming Mrs. Heather Benning as our K-5 Academic Tutor. Finally, we have Ms. Beth Flesher currently substituting for Mrs. Dayton who is out on her maternity leave until late fall. All three of these ladies are off to a wonderful start and Palmer is fortunate to have them.

In closing, I also wanted to take a minute to remind you that our back to school picnic is scheduled for **Friday, September 24th** beginning at about 12:15 pm. Weather permitting we will enjoy a school wide picnic lunch right here on the Palmer grounds and then be treated to a wonderful outdoor concert by the singing group Vitamin L at approximately 1:30. More info will be coming home shortly, but in the meantime, save the date as we would love to have you and your family join us.

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.