

# CAPELESS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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## Important dates, times and reminders to start off the school year:

September 1: First day of school for grades 1-5, 11:35 am dismissal

September 2: First day of Kindergarten Students (11:35 am dismissal through September 18th)

September 7: No School/ Labor Day

September 16: Meet the Teacher Night 6 pm.

September 25: Half-day for all students

### **Arrival and Dismissal Plans:**

8:15- 8:30 am: Breakfast arrivals at the café door on the side circle driveway.

8:30 -8:45 am: -All other students arrive. There is no supervision prior to 8:30 am.

8:45 am: Marks Tardy. All students must be in their class BY 8:45.

~ Grades 3-5 line up in the front entrance.

~ Grades K-2 line up on the left side of the school entrance by grade 2 classrooms.

**\*PLEASE DO NOT pass other cars while dropping off or picking up your child.**



## *Welcome Capeless Students and Families to the 2015/2016 School Year.*

As the end of August nears, I am looking back at my summer and all the great things I have done with my family and friends. We've had our frigid cold days and our extremely hot days, but then again, we do live in the Berkshires. I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer just as much as I have enjoyed mine. In a few short weeks, we look forward to greeting all of your cute smiling faces as you walk back into our front doors. This school year brings some changes and new faces that will greet you throughout our school.

First, Mrs. Sherry Reardon has become our new school secretary. She comes with 16 years experience from Williams Elementary School and is eager to meet all of our families. Please stop in and say hello.

Next, Jeff Dunton, our Day Custodian was promoted and has accepted the custodial job at Mercer, the Administration building.



3:11 pm: Dismissal of Walkers: Walkers are dismissed from the front door.

3:15 pm: Bus Dismissal followed by Car Pick-Ups.

**\* Cars are not allowed to enter for car pick-ups until waved into the driveway and all walkers and busses have exited.**

Car pick-ups will pull through the main driveway and students will be called when cars are identified. If you need to buckle your child in, please pull up along the bus parking to do so.

**Again, Please DO NOT pass cars during car pick-up or get out of your car unless directed by staff. This is very unsafe.**

Same plan for half-day dismissals at 11:35.

He will be greatly missed by our students and staff. Mr. Deane Steinman has stepped into his position and we welcome him to our community. Also, Ms. Matthews returns to Capeless for another exciting Kindergarten year. Welcome back Ms. Matthews.

And lastly, Mr. Birkland has decided to move to Florida with his family where he and his wife will be teaching at the same school. Although he was only with us for one year, he will be greatly missed as well. Ms. Leon will be our new 4th grade teacher and she comes from CT Plunkett Elementary School in Adams, MA. Please stop by and say hello to Ms. Leon.

Breakfast and Lunch (NEW This year):

\*\*As you read in the letter received earlier this month from the district, each elementary student may receive one free breakfast and one free lunch per school day. Students who wish to buy 1 or 2 food items or an additional meal must have funds at hand: either cash or a sufficient positive balance on their meal account. No charging of additional meals or food items will be allowed. Breakfast is supervised beginning at 8:15am (for children not coming to school by bus), they will be dismissed to join the lines for entering school at 8:35. Children coming to breakfast should enter the front door near the cafeteria. Students arriving to school by bus will enter the front cafeteria entrance and report to the café as soon as the bus drops them off. They will be dismissed to report to their classrooms before the tardy bell of 8:45 am.

\*\*Also, we will be providing a school handbook in addition to the district handbook for quick and easy access for all rules and procedures for school. This handbook hopes to be delivered shortly after Labor Day.

\*\*Kindergarten assignments will be mailed out within the next two weeks.

Enjoy the last few weeks of August and vacation and we will see everyone soon.

~Ms. Jezewski