

East Syracuse Elementary School



NEWSLETTER

August 2, 2021

It's a great day to be a Spartan!

We hope that everyone is enjoying some fun in the sun. Our Summer STEAM Camp is in full swing. In fact, they are on a field trip today to Green Lakes. They will do a study of wildlife while there. Our capital project is in progress as well. The construction workers are dismantling our main office and the space needed for a new stairwell coming down from the cafeteria. Our office is due to be finished by September 1.

Parent Square is here. We recently forwarded instructions to everyone regarding the registration process. I think you will find Parent Square an easy platform to send and receive communications between home and school. You can download and access Parent Square on your computer, your phone, and/or your tablet. Please register with Parent Square if you have not yet done so.

We have several staffing changes at ESE for the coming school year. Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Reichel retired in June. We will miss both of these dedicated educational professionals. Our school counselor, Mrs. Christi Jarvi, leaves ESE to assume a position at Minoa ES. We will miss Mrs. Jarvi as well and wish her all the best in her new assignment. She is an outstanding school counselor.

Mrs. Amy Shields will join our staff in 1st grade replacing Mrs. Adams. She comes to us from Fremont Elementary with lots of experience teaching at 1st grade. Our colleague, Mrs. Karin Trapasso, will move from 5th grade to 4th grade in September. She has much experience at all elementary levels. Mr. Dion Labatos is well known to our school community because he has worked at ESE half time for the past two years as one of our math specialists. He will join our school community as a math specialist full time in 2021-2022. Mrs. Kasi White will join our school as our school counselor replacing Mrs. Jarvi. Mrs. White introduces herself below. She brings much experience from Syracuse City Schools and noteworthy credentials.

We will soon send notices to all regarding your student's classroom assignment. We need to solidify two more positions then we will be ready. We expect to be able to notify everyone by mid-August.

Sadly, Covid-19 is still with us but we plan to open in September for fully in-person instruction. We expect masks to continue to be required but that can change before the opening day. Stand by for more information from our district office. The first day of school for students is September 7, 2021.

We plan to host our K Orientation at 2:30pm on September 2. We are not yet sure how this will look but we will update our K families later in August.

I would like to remind everyone that the front entrance is for bus traffic only at our 8:05am arrival time. All students being dropped off, walking or riding, need to enter at door number 7 located near the baseball field. More information to follow later in the month.

See the picture below. This is evidence that Mr. Dunlap will go to great lengths in order to enrich our students' lives with music.



Meet Our New School Counselor

Hello, my name is Kasi White and I am the new School Counselor here at East Syracuse Elementary. For the past 14 years, I have worked as both a Mental Health Counselor and School Counselor in Onondaga and Madison Counties and I look forward to joining the team at ESE.

I am committed to encouraging, supporting, and empowering the students at ESE to become their best selves, academically and socially. As the counselor, I will have the privilege to provide support to ALL students through classroom lessons, small group counseling and individual meetings. Additionally, I will make myself available to offer support to all parent(s)/guardian(s), as I feel this communication is just as important as my relationships with your children and their teachers.

I have heard amazing things about the ESE staff, students and families and I am so excited and honored to become part of your family. I look forward to a great school year and meeting you all very soon!