

MESSAGE FROM THE E.S./M.S. PRINCIPAL Debbie Hammann

As principal of Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah Elementary and Middle School, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone back for another great year. We are excited to have students back in our classrooms and hallways, filling them with energy and enthusiasm for learning. It is our mission to help every child feel welcomed, connected, and a part of our Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah family. Additionally, we strive to promote a safe and caring atmosphere that creates and enhances challenging learning programs which foster development of the social, emotional, physical, and intellectual growth of all its members. At EL-G, we have great teachers who spend hours planning and creating classroom activities to engage our students in learning. Our teachers utilize research-based best practices and analyze academic data to determine current skill levels and to set goals for growth and improvement. We are all anticipating a wonderful school year!

Staffing Updates--Each summer brings changes to the staff and we have a few to share:

Wendy Kossman and Mary Farron are moving to fourth grade. Karen Propson left us to go to Kiel where she is joining her husband and children. While we will miss her, we wish her well. Amy Kumrow is moving to kindergarten. Heather Porath is moving to second grade. First grade staffing is yet to be determined—the current options are to hire a second part-time teacher (consistent with what was done in kindergarten for this group) or to hire a classroom aide. Lori Meyer will be the ELA teacher for fifth and six grades. Jeremy Harrison will be the social studies teacher for fifth and six graders along with math and science for fifth grade. Miss Kessenich will be teaching an additional algebra class for eighth grade.

Sneak Peek--I hope you'll join us for the special opportunity to meet your child's teacher, visit the classroom and drop off school supplies at the Sneak Peek event on Tuesday, August 29th between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. This event is also a great time to purchase lunch/milk tickets and sign in medication in the office.

School Day--School is in session from 7:45 am to 3:50 pm daily. Middle school students need to be in class and ready to learn by 7:45 and elementary students need to be in class and ready to learn by 8:45. Middle school students should plan on arriving at 7:30 and elementary students 8:30. Perhaps the biggest challenge of the new school year is developing before and after school routines.

Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up--When picking up and dropping off children, please park along the west side of the school. There are signs posted for visitors and drop-off parking only. If you must park across the street from the main entrance, please cross at the corner and NOT run across the street and between the buses. Again, this is a safety issue.

Entering the Building--Anyone entering the building after the start of school must enter through the main entrance next to the middle school front doors. If you are at the school to pick up your child or drop something off for your child, go to the office to sign in and your child's teacher will be notified by the office staff of your arrival if necessary. This is a safety issue, not a privacy issue.

Picking Up Children From School--If your child rides a bus home from school, it will be necessary for you to send a signed note or call the school if your child is NOT going to ride the bus as you or someone else will be picking him/her up from school. This ensures clear communication between school and home. If left to children to tell us they should be doing something different, messages often get mixed up.

Communication --I recognize that parents are their children's first and most important teachers; therefore, we at school need your cooperation and involvement to provide them with the best educational experience possible. Take time to talk with your children about these safety concerns and their school experiences. Your interest and concern in their school experience will motivate them to do their best. Maintain contact with your children's teachers and with me. Ask questions and communication concerns so that we can build a partnership which will ensure student success.

Health Room Information and Medication for Students--Parents must deliver any medications to school because children are not allowed to bring drugs or medicines onto school premises. A medication authorization form MUST be completed, signed by a parent or guardian, and brought to the school office. Our health room is also the place where students are able to get a change of clothing when needed. We have a limited supply so if your child occasionally has accidents, you might want to pack an extra set of clothes in the backpack. We are always happy to accept donations of pants or new underclothes for our health room.

EL-G Elementary & Middle School Parent and Student Handbook--This contains additional information about our school. If you would like a copy, please stop by the office and ask for a copy or the handbook is located on our school website (www.elgs.k12.wi.us). Our wonderful secretaries--Diane and Heidi --will be happy to answer any other questions you may have.

First Day!--The new school year begins Tuesday, September 5th. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. I look forward to working with you and your child throughout the school year to provide a productive and safe learning environment that supports student success.