

Dear Families, Parents, and Friends:

Welcome to Willow Springs Elementary School!

On behalf of our entire staff, we welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year! Much planning, enthusiasm, and hard work has gone into preparing for a successful school year. All teachers and support staff have spent hours preparing materials, creating student-centered classrooms, and reviewing data.

Here at Willow Springs Elementary, we strive to see what role we all will play in your child's education and what talents of your child we can uncover. Of course, with the excitement of a new year also comes some nervousness with entering a new school. Starting a new school, no matter what grade, can feel daunting to a child. To ensure the transition is a smooth one, please do not hesitate to reach out to our counselors:

- Luanne Hettich: khettich@wcpss.net
- Shannon Chapman: schapman@wcpss.net

Additionally, your child's teacher and anyone on the administrative staff are ready and willing to assist as well. We are prepared for new students to be nervous and unsure of unfamiliar surroundings and people. Please contact us so we can meet you and your child to alleviate any fears.

For information regarding school events, updates, and information, your child's backpack as well as the Willow Springs Elementary School's website, <https://www.wcpss.net/willowspringes>, is a great place to start. Additionally, a message will be sent out a couple of times a month (Willow Weekly). Teachers also communicate with parents through newsletters, email updates, and utilize either the Remind App or Dojo. Another way to be involved is to join the PTA, volunteer in classrooms, and have lunch with your child. We have outside picnic tables to enjoy!

We are looking forward to working with your child this year and have no doubt that they will form new friendships and bonds. We are a small community that boasts healthy relationships between students, teachers, families, and community.

As excited as we are to send out this letter, it is the face-to-face interactions that we value most. Please know that we welcome any opportunity to meet with you. Please do not hesitate to contact any of us with questions or concerns. We are looking forward to our collaboration in providing a safe and nurturing environment as well as a challenging and diverse curriculum for your child.

This year is going to be *AMAZING!*
Join us as we #lovethewillow