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## Welcome!

Please join me in welcoming the following staff who are new or in a new position at Table Mound:

Special Education Staff: Mrs. Sue Case and Mrs. Kari Zelinskas

General Education Staff: Amanda Schwendinger (K), Ms. Kristy Thill (from 5th to 4th), Diana Clarke (Clarke 4+1 Teacher, 4th) John Garde (Band)

## Off To A Great Start!

Hello Table Mound Students, Staff, and Families,  
 The 2016-2017 schools year is off to a great start. It has been exciting to see students back in the building. We have spent time this week getting to know one another, practicing procedures, reviewing routines, and marveling about how tall everyone has gotten over the summer.

A big thank you goes out to our Table Mound custodial staff, Jim, Tiana, and Randy for all their work over the summer to get our school building ready for the new year. Waxing, mowing, moving furniture, polishing, scrubbing walls, and vacuuming are just a few of the tasks that create a hectic summer schedule.

Another big thanks goes out to our Table Mound office staff, Mrs. Koontz (Julie) and Mrs. Hayes (Judy) for getting registration materials out to families, answering all kinds of questions, and making me feel at home here at Table Mound. Not sure what I would have done without them this past month!

I enjoyed meeting many of you at our orientation day and I look forward to getting know the rest of you throughout the school year. As the year gets underway please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns you may have. I am trying something new this year with my Table Mound Principal Twitter feed. I will be sending out school news, event reminders, and updates through my Twitter feed. This gives me a way to communicate with the Table Mound community in a short, timely way. Please follow me @TMP60.

Hope to see you all soon,  
 Matthew R. Hull, Principal

## Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming Events:

M., Aug 29 – Fundraiser Kick-off & Picture Day!  
 T, Aug 30 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Instrument try-outs, 10:45-Noon  
 F, Sep 2, 9, 16, 23 – 1 hour Late Start for Prof. Learning  
 M, Sep 5 – No School – Labor Day  
 F, Sept 9 – Fundraiser due date!  
 M, Sep 12 – MAP Testing starts  
 T, Sep 13 – DIBELS/FAST Testing starts  
 Th, Sep 15 – PTC Skate Party  
 Th, Sep 15 – PreK – Grandparents Day, 10:45, 2:45  
 M, Sep 19 – Site Council  
 F, Sept 30 – No School (Professional Learning Day for Staff)

## Future Events for Your Calendars:

Conferences – Oct 18/19, 4pm-8pm, Oct 20 9am-2pm

## Procedures for Arrival (on back) Dismissal (below)

**Parents** who choose to park in the lane closest to the front sidewalk (drop-off/pick-up lane) must stay with their vehicles and 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> students can walk on the sidewalk to their vehicle – entering from the sidewalk not the lot. This is to insure a quick departure in the event there is an emergency and this lane needs to be cleared. To help in getting this message out, vehicles parked in the drop-off/pick-up lane who do not have persons inside will receive a reminder on their windshield.

It is evident from the increase in foot traffic at the end of the day that many parents have acted on the recommendation to park their vehicles along the street and walk up to pick up their student(s). These parents have figured out that they can get out much faster than parking in the lot!

**Buses:** Buses will not leave school until communication that all of our bus students are accounted for. This creates a longer time when we are searching for students whose parents did not communicate alternative plans or who call close to dismissal - after notes are delivered to classrooms (around 3:10). Keep in mind that if students are scheduled to ride a bus, we put them on the bus unless we have a direct contact with a parent. It might be in the form of a note or phone message. (The best way is via notes from parents to students' teachers in the morning.) For the safety of all children, we do not stop buses to get students off of a bus after the buses have been released to leave.

*"The mission of Table Mound Elementary School is to develop responsible, motivated, global citizens who meet the challenges of the future and rise to their greatest potential as life-long learners."*