



**River Grove: A Marine Area Community School**

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*Some Exciting Announcements!*

**Dear River Grove Families,**

Firstly, thank you for your patience and trust as we continue to make River Grove truly your *community* school, and the best one it can be at that. The Board of Directors, administration, teachers, and staff have all been putting in extra hours behind the scenes addressing the challenges that families identified in our first overall satisfaction survey. Work remains to be done; we are sending this preliminary news out now because we understand you all are hoping to hear what's going on.

- **New Teachers!** Our new 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher has been hired! Final interviews for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher were last night, Thursday, July 26. We are thrilled at the quality of candidates, and will make formal announcements soon, along with the introductions of our second K teacher, third special education teacher, and our new speech teacher.
- **Class Assignments for K and 4<sup>th</sup>:** These lists will be shared soon.
- **Really Big News:** Stay tuned for some moving news from one of our new board members, Dan Miller, regarding transportation ... 😊
- **Lunch Update:** We have listened to your and the kids' feedback about the lunches, and we are working in collaboration with Marine General Store to improve the menu. Updates to come.
- **School Hours:** Our official hours will be 8:30am to 3:30pm. The office will be open from 8:00am to 4:00pm. This adjustment is a result of listening to the feedback from our families — most would like their children home earlier in the day.
- **Before/After Care:** Because of the school-hour change we are really pushing for before/after care. We are developing a plan and hope to release it soon to our families. In order to assist the planning, [please fill out this survey](#). We also anticipate the need for parent volunteers.
- **Supply Lists:** Are added to the [website](#) as they come into the office.
- **Back-to-School Nights:** August 28, 5:00-7:00pm; and August 30, 3:00-5:00pm. You do not need to attend both.
- **Band & Orchestra:** We are proud and thankful to continue with Band & Orchestra next year and that it includes students who are in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Please contact Erika Hammerschmidt if you need information or to sign up ([ehammerschmidt@marineareaschool.org](mailto:ehammerschmidt@marineareaschool.org)). There will be a \$200 fee for this program, the same as last year. Summer band camp is from August 20-24, 2018.
- **Expanded Playground Update:** The dates for installation are Thursday, August 2, to Saturday, August 4, from 8:00-4:00 each day. Lunch is provided. Thank you to the Capra family, who is leading this effort! We are hoping to get 10 volunteers each day. Let's help BUILD our community school! Please sign up here: [www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e45adae2da2fb6-community](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e45adae2da2fb6-community)
- **Community Clean-Up of Homestead & Campus, and Parent Potluck:** Saturday, August 18, after the board meeting (estimated 11:00am).

**Remaining Summer 2018  
School Office Hours  
(8:30am to 4:30pm) and  
Important Dates**

- August 2:** Office Open
- August 7-9:** Office Open
- August 13-17:** Office Open
- August 18:** Board Meeting;  
Community Clean-Up (in the morning)
- August 20-24:** Office Open;  
Summer Band Camp
- August 23, 5:00-7:00pm:**  
New and Prospective  
Student Open House
- August 27-31:** Office Open
- August 28, 5:00-7:00pm:**  
Back-to-School #1
- August 30, 3:00-5:00pm:**  
Back-to-School #2
- September 4:**  
First Day of School for 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>
- September 4-5:**  
Individual Welcome  
Conferences for Kinder  
Families
- September 6:** First Day of  
School for Kinders

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Friday, September 21:**  
Fall Fundraiser and Dinner  
at the Withrow Ballroom

*More News  
Very Soon!*