

August 13th, 2022

They're baaaaaaaack (soon)!!! Another exciting school year is underway as we welcome back staff and students; this time of the year brings with it a sense of renewal and freshness back to our buildings. When our doors open on September 1st, the energy and buzz among our staff and students will probably be felt a mile away. Staff members will be seen in the hallways meeting and greeting students, smiling and making it clear that they love what they do and that they are excited to be back working with our students.

I know that it will be easy to see that teachers are planning exciting and engaging lessons, teaming together to talk about how to meet student needs and supporting one another in a variety of ways.

The arrival of our most precious community resource, our children, creates a sense of renewal and hope for an exceptionally exciting school year. I hope that everyone had the chance this summer to spend some well deserved time with family and friends. It was wonderful seeing so many of you at the Kiel Picnic during Family Night, which always seems to signify that school is right around the corner.

The Kiel Area School District has so much to be proud of. As we begin the 2022-2023 school year, we are excited to welcome our new teachers and support staff members to our team, as well as welcome back the rest of the staff, students and community that help make our school district great! Did you know that nearly two-thirds of our staff has been here 10 years or longer, and nearly half of those people have been here 20 years or longer? That's dedication.

A significant amount of our staff never left this summer and continued to do what is necessary to make sure our schools are clean, safe and ready for our students to learn. A huge shout out to our custodial and maintenance staff, technology department, secretarial staff and central office and administrative staff members; I have the privilege of seeing these people go above and beyond on a daily basis and I am proud to be able to call them my colleagues. We should also thank those that taught summer school and worked with students with special needs over the summer. That's dedication.

Some of our co-curricular activities are already underway, while others are set to begin once school starts. Please join me in cheering on and supporting our students as they showcase

their talents in the arts, athletics and in our classrooms. Our teachers, coaches and advisors also give endless amounts of time to support our students in these activities. That's dedication!

So, please find a school district staff member and say "thank you" for the wonderful work that they do each and every day and the dedication that they have given to our students and community. In fact, find a police officer, firefighter, city employee, or anyone else that serves our community and say "thanks" to them as well!

I sincerely could go on and on, but the theme here is that an organization or community does not make great strides without great people; it's the people that make the organization and we as a community can never forget that. Our teachers, paraprofessionals, managerial staff, support staff, administrative staff, etc. are top notch people!

Finally, a huge "THANK YOU" goes out to the parents of our students who continue to work full time jobs, clean their home, take care of their children, cook, etc. while doing their best to support their child/ren's learning. We couldn't do it without you!

I look forward to seeing you in our community and at our school district events. Please join me in continuing to celebrate the great students and staff of the Kiel Area School District.

I wish everyone a great start to the school year.

Brad