

Kieleidoscope

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In only two short weeks the Kiel Area School District will begin the 2016-2017 school year. Registration and picture day was last week, the sports teams are in practices for their season and staff are preparing their classrooms. On September 1st the buildings will come alive as we welcome 1,300+ students back on our campus.

The school system operates on a July 1st to June 30th fiscal year. This is different than most other organizations that budget from January 1st to December 31. Currently, we are completing the closing of the current school year and participating in the district audit while at the same time preparing the budget for the start of a new school year.

This summer, we served over 500 students during June, July and August at the summer school program. Our students participated in several academic, enrichment and remedial courses. Our teachers and administrators participated in professional development opportunities such as the Professional Learning Community Institutes and essential standards and assessment workshops. Throughout the summer, learning continues at the Kiel Area School District.

In addition to learning, there is hiring taking place. There will be new faces this year. We have a new Associate Principal at the high school, Eric Ward who will assist Heidi Dörner who has moved into the principal role. We also have new high school science, Agriculture and English teachers joining the team to replace the resignations that occurred over the summer. There is new custodial staff who are quickly getting adjusted as they join the others in working diligently to clean and do maintenance on the buildings in preparation for the next group of students to walk in the door. We are constantly working and striving to maintain a quality school district and the summer time allows our staff to complete much work put on hold throughout the busy school year.

Traditionally in education there has always been a summer break. The students are thrilled to sleep in late, take a rest from homework, hook-up with friends and take family vacations. Summer is a great time to rest, refresh and refocus. It is also a great time for us to catch up on the work needed to sustain a well-managed school district.

As the summer comes to a close, we are reminded that it is time to reset the alarm clocks and start the new routine. Those of us who prepare all summer for the new school year are excited to have everyone back in the buildings to kick off another great year at the Kiel Area School District!