

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the staff at Taft "The World's Greatest Elementary School," I am delighted to welcome you back for another exciting academic year. It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that we extend our warmest greetings to you and your children. We trust that this letter finds you well-rested and prepared for the promising journey ahead.

As we commence this new academic year, please be assured that the safety and well-being of our students remain our utmost priority. We have implemented comprehensive measures to ensure a secure and nurturing environment where your child can flourish.

Our dedicated educators have been working diligently throughout the summer to develop an engaging and innovative curriculum designed to foster a love for learning in your children. We celebrate the diversity of our students and the unique contributions each individual brings to our school community. We are committed to providing an inclusive and supportive environment that values every student's abilities, interests, and aspirations. We firmly believe that education is a collaborative effort between the home and the school. Your involvement and support are invaluable in shaping your child's educational journey. We encourage you to actively participate in school activities and engage with our teachers. Together, we can forge a strong partnership that nurtures and empowers your child to achieve their full potential.

Throughout the year, we will keep you informed of your child's progress, achievements, and upcoming events through regular communication channels. We also encourage you to contact us whenever you have questions, concerns, or suggestions. We are here to listen, support, and collaborate to ensure the best possible educational experience for your child.

As we look forward to a year filled with exciting discoveries, personal growth, and cherished memories, let us remember that we are a community united by a common objective: to provide our students with the highest quality education and opportunities for success.

Once again, welcome back! We are truly grateful for the trust you have placed in our school, and we are eager to embark on this incredible journey alongside you and your children. Together, we will make this a remarkable year of growth, learning, and joy.

**Please review the following important information for the 2025-2026 school year:**

1. Open House - Monday, August 25, 2025 from 4:00- 5:00 p.m.
2. First Day of School - Tuesday, August 26, 2025 (1/2 day) from 9:00 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.
3. Second Day of School - Wednesday, August 27, 2025 (Full Day) from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
4. Third Day of School - Thursday, August 28, 2025 (Full Day) from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
5. NO SCHOOL - Friday, August 29, 2025 and Monday, September 1, 2025 (Labor Day Recess)
6. School Resumes - Tuesday, September 2, 2025 (Full Day) from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The staff at Taft has been working diligently throughout the summer to prepare for the return of our students. They have been planning engaging activities and assignments, field trips, and creative initiatives to ensure that your child receives the highest quality education.

The exceptional staff and I feel privileged to be a part of this school family. We thank you for your support and look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

Brandon C. Cox

Principal