



OQS News

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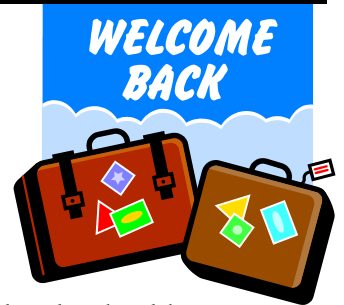
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Greeting OQS Families,

Welcome back to OQS for most of you and welcome to our new families. How wonderful to have students back today! The sunny summer must have helped students grow. It is remarkable how much they change over the course of a summer. It is truly wonderful to see many of you and your children. It promises to be an eventful and enriching year. We are committed to ensuring that each of our students grow, make tremendous progress, explore and discover their passions, and continue to develop healthy minds, bodies, hearts and voices. We encourage your ongoing partnership in this extremely important endeavor.



Last year we used electronic communication for the vast majority of our correspondences with you. We will continue to do this. This save resources including time and allows you to easily keep or access materials. However, if you do not have regular internet access, let your child's teacher and Mrs. French know and we will get paper copies to you. Our school

webpage is oqsvt.com

Also, if you would like to receive these newsletters via email, please send me an email with "email newsletter" in the subject line. Thank you.

We are very excited to have a number of dynamic new staff members this year. Here are brief introductions of our new teachers.

Hannah Thomas will be teaching 1st grade, 1H in room 138. Ms. Thomas is originally from Ohio and moved to the Upper Valley in 2008, to attend Dartmouth College. She fell in love with the area and decided to stay. I like baking, cooking, hiking, canoeing, cross country skiing, and hockey! Of course, Ms. Thomas also loves teaching and can't wait to get started.

Hope Krause will be teaching 2nd grade, 2K in room 216. Ms. Krause is joining the 2nd grade team after having spent the past two years teaching 2nd grade in San Francisco, California. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Human Development from Boston College. Immediately following her undergraduate studies, she went on to earn her Master's degree in Curriculum & Instruction from Boston College. Ms. Krause is originally from Connecticut and is thrilled to be back in New England. She is an adventurous spirit who loves being outdoors, trail running, and learning new things. A love of both nature and art inspire hope to be creative and innovative inside and outside of the classroom. She is passionate about teaching and aims to teach children to think creatively and critically about the world.

Jon Barrett will be teaching 3rd grade, 3J in room 204. Mr. Barrett 3J. He has taught in a combined 3/4 classroom, as well as grades 4, 5, and 6, and combinations of those three grades. Mr. Barrett loves to teach science, especially when we are able to get our hands dirty doing it! He lives very close to Silver Lake in Barnard and goes there as often as he can, whether it is to swim, kayak, fish (or listen to the Red Sox on radio as an excuse for fishing!), and yes, even ice skating. He plays hockey at Union Arena, and is also a band member of the Upper Valley Community Band, in which he plays trombone. Mr. Barrett is married and has two Golden Retrievers, Cooper and June, and a cat Hobbes.

Sarah “Link” Klinkenberg will be teaching 4th grade, 4K in room 207. She received a BA in history from Oberlin College. After college she spent five years working as an environmental educator for the Appalachian Mountain Club and the Ferry Beach Ecology School. Ms. Klinkenberg received her classroom teacher training from the Upper Valley Educators Institute. In her spare time, she enjoys outdoor adventuring, singing, reading, and drawing plants. Her latest trip involved hiking in Ecuador, where she met whales, turtles, toucans, and a glacier. Ms. Klinkenberg is excited to pursue new adventures with the 4th graders at OQS.

Loralyn LeBlanc is a special educator teaching K & 1 in room 135. She received her Ed.D. from the University of Vermont (2009) in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, an MA in Special Education from Assumption College and a BA from Assumption College. Mrs. LeBlanc has worked as a special educator for 14 years in various schools around Vermont. In addition, she worked as a literacy consultant for Vermont Reads Institute, an adjunct faculty member for the Vermont Higher Education Collaborative and Union Institute and University and as a teacher trainer for the Wilson Reading Corporation. Her academic interests are in the areas of Response to Instruction (RtI), literacy, learning disabilities, assessment and adult learning. Mrs. LeBlanc recently moved to Quechee from Montpelier with her four-year old son, Camden. She is an avid runner, hiker, CrossFitter and also enjoy backcountry skiing and rock climbing.

Andrea Davis is our new school nurse. Mrs. Davis attended Vermont Technical College. She is currently enrolled at Southern New Hampshire University to complete her BSN. She is married and has three daughters. Her family and dog live in WRJ. Outside of school she enjoys spending time with her family, scrapbooking, and crafts. Over the summer the family took a trip to Tennessee to visit family and went through the Great Smokey Mountains.

Lisa DeGrasse (who interned with our OT Caitlin McLaughlin last year) will be our COTA 3 days/week and Paula Rossvall will be our OT 1 day/week.

We welcome back **Becky Frappier** who will be an educational assistant in KI.

Lastly, congratulations to **Jen Lund** who was married this summer and is now **Mrs. Applebee!**

We have some changes in room assignments:

Mrs. Ingenloff, KI, is in room 118 and Mrs. Preston and Ms. Audette are in room 208 (former computer lab)



The building looks great! Over the summer crews from Aslans washed the windows inside and out, finish the floors, washed the carpets, and cleaned the furniture and walls.

Morning Drop-offs. If you drive your children to school and are simply dropping them off, please pull up to the cafeteria doors. This allows other cars to pull up and does not block the bus lane. If you come into school, please park in a space.



For **afternoon pick-ups**, please meet your child in the cafeteria. We dismiss those students at 2:45.

PTO NEWS: Please try to attend our first PTO meeting on Tuesday, September 9th at 6:30 in our library.

**Back to School
are on**



**night and Cookout
September 4th!!!**

Remember, you can get other school info including photos on our Facebook page and on the PTO Facebook page. We are in the process of developing an email list to send these newsletters electronically. Please be sure Mrs. French has your email address.

Meal Prices Here are the Food Service Prices for the 2014-2015 school year. Please remember that charging is not permitted. Please do not hesitate to complete a free meals form.

Breakfast \$1.50

Lunch \$2.95

Milk \$.65



CALENDAR

August 29 and September 1: No School

September 4: Back to School Night 5- 6 p.m.; Cookout 6-7 p.m.

September 9: PTO meeting 6:30 p.m. OQS library

September 18: School Picture Day