

EDGEWATER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Edgewater School Community,

I hope you are all enjoying a refreshing summer with family and friends. We are looking forward to greeting our new and returning students and staff for the 2019-2020 school year on September 5th (for students) and September 3rd (for staff). Please note that individual welcome letters from the principals, including students' classroom assignments and important dates, will be mailed home to parents later this week. This letter is to inform you of the district's goals for this coming year and to introduce our new staff members.

5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

In March 2019, the Edgewater Board of Education invited members of the community to come together to draft a strategic plan for the district. I look forward to working together with all of you toward the five-year vision that was developed. The four over-arching goals that emerged from those meetings are as follows:

1. To graduate exceptional learners that achieve to their fullest potential academically and socially, in a fast-changing world.
2. To strengthen the Edgewater school community and Edgewater-Leonia partnership by involving all stakeholders: students, staff, parents, and residents to create and foster a seamless community.
3. To foster an inclusive and collaborative community that promotes a positive, safe, healthy environment.
4. Develop and maintain eco-friendly facilities to accommodate growth and technology and to provide a safe and secure learning environment so that we are equipped to deliver 21st century programs in a 21st century environment.

NEW WEBSITE & APP

In conjunction with Goal #2 above, we are excited to be launching a more user-friendly website in September, which will feature a mobile app through Apptegy. The app will be called "Edgewater SD". We will reach out to parents and staff over email with more information once the school year begins.

NEW STAFF

We are pleased to welcome several new staff members to the Edgewater family:

George Washington School

Lauren Bracchi, Title I Reading
Antoinette Burns, Special Education
Jacqueline Gurgone, Guidance Counselor
Eileen Kemner, Grade 1
Christina Lim, Grade 1
Laura Michelson, Special Education
Elizabeth Navarro, Grade 1
Michele Rinaldi, Grade 1

Eleanor Van Gelder School

Emily Derrico, Grade 3
Nubia Fonseca, Guidance Counselor
Brooke London, Grade 3
Jillian Plotkin, Physical Education
Alexandra Vecchio, Music

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THANK YOU

A big thank you to the administrative team and the district's maintenance and secretarial staff who have been working hard to prepare for the arrival of students and staff. I am looking forward to another productive and successful year for the students of the Edgewater School District under the supervision of our excellent faculty and staff, and made possible with the support and valued partnerships with the Board of Education, Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO), Edgewater Education Association, and Edgewater Education Foundation. Thank you all, and we will see you in September!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kerry L. Postma". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

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