

SLIGO CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear School Community,

Welcome to an exciting new school year! It is my privilege to continue serving as Principal of Sligo Creek Elementary alongside our dedicated staff, amazing students, and supportive families. As I begin another year in education, my passion remains as strong as ever to help every child discover their unique strengths, reach their full potential, and feel a true sense of belonging at school.

This year, we are excited to build on our strong foundation by continuing to use the Random Acts of Kindness framework for our Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum. To complement this work and unify our school culture, we are introducing a new school-wide expectation framework: **SPARK!**

SPARK stands for: ♦Safe♦Positive♦Accountable♦Respectful♦Kind

We will use **SPARK** throughout the entire building so students clearly understand the positive expectations for every area of our school. We have excellent students at Sligo Creek, and our goal is to support every child as they strive to achieve excellence in all that they do.

To celebrate our students' efforts, we are introducing two exciting recognition initiatives:

- **SPARK Awards:** Students will have the opportunity to earn SPARK awards each quarter to celebrate their individual growth and positive choices (more detailed information on this will be coming soon!).
- **Classroom SPARK Salamanders:** When classes consistently display SPARK characteristics in learning spaces around the building, they will earn a special SPARK Salamander to display proudly outside their classroom door!(more detailed information on this will be coming soon!).

We will also introduce our new math curriculum, [Amplify Desmos Math](#)! This problem-based program encourages hands-on exploration, active collaboration, and critical thinking. Throughout the year, we will share helpful information and resources with families so you can stay informed and feel empowered to support your child's math learning at home.

Together as a community, we can ensure our students are not only academically successful but also confident, compassionate, and ready for the future. Thank you for your continued partnership. Let's make this a fantastic year—strong, kind, and full of SPARK, just like our Salamanders!

Warm regards,

Katherine Schwartz
Principal