



# September News



Hello, and welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! It is always a process getting students back into the routines of school, and teaching Kindergarteners about school. Along with your efforts at home, STRIDE's faculty and staff have been working hard to establish those routines quickly for your child so we can get down to the business of teaching and learning!



New at STRIDE this year is our breakfast and lunch program. Breakfasts and lunches are **FREE** for ALL students attending STRIDE Academy. This is a result of a Federal nutrition grant that STRIDE applied for last year. We will also be serving a fresh fruit and vegetable snack on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each week. This is also free of charge to students due to a grant.



## Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! Here are our new staff members:



Bobbie Jo Kneip – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
Jenna Goebel – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
Jennifer Horner – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Andy Lyman – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Cassy Tomoson – Paraprofessional  
Keith Schmitz – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Vicki Blomme – Special Education

Lisa Falk – Kindergarten Teacher  
Kaye Nienaber – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
Tia Ellies – Music  
Tara Peterson – Paraprofessional  
Mary Holden – Special Education  
Kathi Dobbs – Special Education

The best education for students happens when consistent, positive communication exists between school and home. Please stay active and contact your teachers via email or phone if you have questions. Every attempt will be made to provide a prompt response. If you wish to meet with them, please schedule a time with them.





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STRIDE is in year two of successfully implementing and maintaining school wide initiatives that promote positive behavior. These efforts are reinforced in our lunchrooms, hallways, classrooms, playgrounds, and school buses. The school's expectation is that all students conduct themselves with respect for the adults, their fellow classmates, and school property.



This year, we will be offering a Technology Integration Course into our fifth and sixth grades. This course is designed to complement and support the core subject areas in those grades. The focus will be on increasing students' technology skills and competencies as measured by the Minnesota Language Arts Standards.



As we look back on the last year, there are a number of great things that have occurred at STRIDE that continue to inspire us.

- We had a number of students show exceptional growth on the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) in Math and Reading.
- STRIDE introduced a reading program that supports students with Dyslexia
- STRIDE Academy was a leader in the area in helping English learners make progress toward becoming proficient in English.

We look forward the new school year as we partner with you to help your child grow. STRIDE has much to be proud of. Thank you for your support!

Eric Williams

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