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Dear Northwest Families,

On behalf of the staff at Northwest Elementary School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2018-19 school year! During the past year, it has been a true honor and a privilege to work with the exceptional Northwest students, families, and staff as principal, and I look forward to another great year.

Our school vision, "*A school where learners shine and futures are bright!*" continues to guide the important work that we do. This summer, our teachers have been busy participating in professional development, revising curriculum, and planning rich, meaningful learning activities for our students. We are excited for all the opportunities this school year will afford us. This year Northwest will be incorporating STEAM lessons and introducing Maker Recess to enhance our exceptional, standards-based curriculum.

At Northwest, we value a strong connection between home and school environments, as it is imperative in reaching our common goal of student achievement and social growth. The strength of our school community depends on the collective contributions of parents, staff, and students, and to that end, we extend a special, yearlong invitation to our families to join us at school activities whenever possible. To obtain information regarding school events, visit the Northwest website and check out the Virtual Backpack.

This school year will bring new and exciting learning opportunities for everyone. Our commitment to creating engaging, rigorous, and enriching experiences for our students will continue. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support. We look forward to a very positive and productive year together.

Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions you may have throughout the school year.

Best Regards,  
Mrs. Kathleen Hyland  
Principal