

Falcon Families,

We are excited for the 2017-18 school year. As announced in May, there have been some grade level changes for some teachers, as well as some location changes.

Classroom and Grade levels for 17-18

- Kindergarten
 - Ms. Anseth, Mrs. Hayden, Mrs. Shever
- First Grade
 - Ms. Havens, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Neuharth
- Second Grade
 - Mrs. Mlodzik, Mrs. Eiden, Mr. Senters
- Third Grade
 - Mrs. Bedwell, Mrs. Gagnon, Mr. Bifano
- Fourth Grade
 - Mrs. Crom, Mrs. Eberhart, Mrs. Zilverberg
- Fifth Grade
 - Mrs. Foster, Mr. McIntosh, Mrs. Shewey
- Specials/Technology/Inst. Coach
 - Ms. Berg, Mr. Greenlaw, Mrs. Mery, Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Kennedy, Ms. Watts
- Special Education/GT/Counselor
 - Mrs. Diffenderfer, Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs. Rauth, Mrs. Stearns, Mr. Hess, Mrs. Spellman

To facilitate our move to Competency Based Education, (part of our Next Generation Learning grant through the DoDEA), we are developing a “Neighborhood” model.

- There will be three 2nd – 5th grade "Neighborhoods" located upstairs
- Classrooms (2nd – 5th) will be arranged in Neighborhoods, rather than by grade level
- Kindergarten and 1st grade classrooms will remain downstairs

- What Stays the Same?
 - All grade level curriculum based on Colorado Academic Standards
 - Kindergarten and 1st grade will operate “horizontally” i.e. in grade level teams, not vertical teams
 - Year 2 implementation of Capturing Kids Hearts
 - Year 2 implementation of the DoDEA Next Generation Learning grant

- What will look different?
 - 2nd -5th grade schedules aligned by neighborhood, not by grade level
 - 2nd -5th grade classrooms will be upstairs
 - Instructional skills/needs based groups will be developed for math instruction – first step of implementing Competency Based Education

For more information about Competency Based Education, please view this short video:

Video link: <https://youtu.be/tj2lOpXj1ys>

The Neighborhood model will be shared in more detail during our parent information night on August 16th at 5:30.