



# ALFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Greetings Alford Family,

I hope that you are enjoying your summer vacation and making some wonderful memories with your loved ones.

Focusing on this past school year, we were able to navigate through many obstacles such as the pandemic and its effects. However, we were successful together, and I am very grateful for that. As we prepare for this new year, I want to call on you for this same level of commitment especially as we work to educate and nurture our students at high levels.

Although last year came with some uncertainties, the students were able to master their grade level content and develop effectively on social and emotional levels. They were focused and excited about their school experience. As educators, we are planning and collaborating to ensure that this upcoming school year is just as exciting if not more.

As we prepare for the return of the students, I want to encourage you to continue partnering with us and supporting the goals and mission of the school. This year our goals are focused on 4 Strategic Priorities which are: **Empathy, Equity, Effectiveness and Excellence**. These priorities are designed to keep us laser-focused as we develop and maintain high level plans that yield student success on a daily basis. Your partnership in this work is vital and very much needed.

The first step towards obtaining our goals and mission requires your participation in the **Open House/Meet Your Teacher Day** which is

scheduled to occur in-person at the school on **July 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM**. It is structured so that you and your child can visit with the teacher and gain some understanding about the expectations for the school year. **Open House/Meet Your Teacher** sessions are for both *new and returning students*. Please know that we are extremely excited about this opportunity and about seeing our students return to school. We hope that you are as well.

Please know that the first day of school is **August 3<sup>rd</sup> for all students**. However, the students will be staggered in terms of their physical arrival to the school building. In more specific terms, only kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students will report to the physical building on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The students in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> grades will report to the physical building on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Although the dates for physical attendance in the building are different, **all students will begin their first day of school on August 3<sup>rd</sup>**. For those students that are not reporting physically in the building on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, they will participate virtually with their teacher until they report physically on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Be advised that chrome books/laptops will be issued to students that need them for the first day of school. The devices will be issued during **Open House/Meet Your Teacher Day**.

If you have any specific questions prior to **Open House/Meet Your Teacher Day**, please be sure to come by or contact the school (678-924-5300).

We are looking forward to a great school year. Take care and see you very soon! 😊

Honored to serve as your principal,

Dr. S. Davis  
Principal