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Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you well! As the new school year approaches, I wanted to share some important information and updates with you.

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## Back-to-School Conferences

**Wednesday, August 27 | 3:00–8:00 PM | Parkers Prairie Elementary**

You'll receive an email soon to schedule your 10-minute conference. This is a great opportunity for you and your child to meet their teacher and learn what to expect in the year ahead.

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## First Day of School

- **Grades 1–6:** Tuesday, **September 2** (Classes begin at 8:25 AM)
- **Kindergarten:** Thursday, **September 4**  
Kindergarten teachers will meet with **students by appointment on September 2nd or 3rd** for a 20-30 minute individual assessment session prior to starting on Thursday, September 4. Parents do not need to be present during this time. More information to come.

We can't wait to welcome everyone back!

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## Staff Updates & Additions

Each year brings exciting changes. Here are some updates to our teaching staff:

- **Michelle Olson**, who also serves as Community Education and Childcare Coordinator, will now teach **3-year-old Pre-K**.
- **Heidi Plasek** is moving from 3-year-olds to **Kindergarten**. We've added a **third Kindergarten classroom** to reduce class sizes.
- **Kris Wagner** is moving to **4th grade**.
- **Emersyn Hudalla**, who taught summer school in Parkers Prairie, will take over in **3rd grade**.
- **Emily Lund** (formerly Emily Benzinger) joins our **5th grade team**, returning from teaching in Fargo.
- **Becki Church** joins Special Education, starting a new program focused on **Developmental Cognitive Disabilities**.

- Theresa Ziebarth Moritz will serve as both a **Licensed Speech Pathologist** and **Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) Teacher**, supporting:
  - **Loni Ravnik (SLPA)**
  - **Savannah Grove**, formerly of Runestone Area Education, now with District 547, continuing her work in behavior support.

👉 This year, we will have **two sections at each grade level, except Kindergarten**, which will have **three sections**.

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## **Lunch Updates**

### **Free Meals:**

Breakfast and lunch remain **free for all students**. Breakfast will be served daily starting at **7:50 AM**.

### **Extra Entrees for 6th Grade:**

- Available for purchase during lunch
- **Parent permission required** (form included in this mailing)
- **Lunch account funds required** for extra entrees

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## **Picture Day**

- **Student Picture Day:** Friday, **September 12**
- **Retake Day:** Tuesday, **October 14**  
More details will be sent home soon.

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## **Elementary Handbook**

The handbook is available online at [www.isd547.org](http://www.isd547.org) under the **Elementary** tab.  
If you'd prefer a **printed copy**, please contact the elementary office.

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We understand that returning all required forms can be a big task, and we truly appreciate your time and effort. Our goal is to ensure a **safe, successful, and productive** school year for your child.

If you have any questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to reach out. We look forward to seeing you at the **Back-to-School Conferences!**

Warm regards,  
**Steve Radtke**

## Contact Information

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## Classroom Teacher Emails

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**3rd Grade:**

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**4th Grade:**

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**5th Grade:**

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