

Welcome to the 2017-2018 School Year!



Hello, JMMS Families-

On this evening before the eclipse, I have a strong sense of hope. There is a wonder and excitement that we can ride the coattails of into this school year. I'm feeling confident that John Muir Magnet School will continue to inspire and do great things. I learned so much my first year as Principal at JMMS. I am building on that experience, to do what is best for JMMS students and families and staff.

I had a wonderful, restorative July traveling with my family to Montana to visit friends and then to the Midwest to visit family. My boys are great little travelers! They turned 2 on August 1st and love all things little boys love: dirt, water, eating, and backhoes! It has been a joy to spend so much time with them.

I was also able to unwind with one of my favorite past times: reading! I read for pleasure and for professional growth. One book I re-read is Paul Tough's *Helping Children Succeed*. In this book the author goes into great detail that the key to a child's success is their environment and the connections and relationship they make with adults. Re-reading his words cemented in me the importance of these two things, and the greater social and emotional health of students. I am very grateful I work at JMMS where I know this is of utmost importance to everyone. I hope to educate our community of teachers, parents, and staff more in this area. We will be working closely with Resolve this year; the organization will help us to continue to grow our Restorative Justice culture. We will be focusing on social/emotional growth, at all grade levels, every Wednesday after lunch. I hope this weekly connection can better our growth as a school, and as a community.

My hours this year will be all day on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesdays, and after 2pm on Thursday. I'm so looking forward to welcoming new families and seeing familiar faces on Monday the 28th! It is going to be a great year!

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