

PETERS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

MCMURRAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MR. BLAIR STOEHR, PRINCIPAL • MR. MICHAEL BROOKIE, CO-PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year at McMurray Elementary! The McMurray Team is eager to meet your children. We have been busy this summer continuing to upgrade our facility and learning resources at McMurray and have a great deal to be excited about.

By combining our PTA Box Top and Student Council Fundraising with our District Technology Budget, we were able to purchase a new iPad lab for our library and add 3 additional mobile Chromebook labs. This brings us to a total of 18 labs in the building in addition to our stationary computer lab in Room 214. In addition, we replaced the floor in our Multi-Purpose Room and first floor hallway in the rear of the building, revitalized our Auxiliary Gym with new wall mats and sound boards, and our parking lot is newly paved and painted.

In an effort to better prepare our students for future success at the Middle School, we are transitioning our new 6th grade students to 3 person teams. These students will have a teacher for English/Language Arts, Math, and Science/Social Studies. We also have a new online feature to assist us in our pursuit to provide and promote a safe and positive learning environment. Our Online Bully Report will allow students, with the help of their families, to report any bullying behaviors that they may witness or experience at the school. These reports will go directly to the school counselors and the building administrators to be addressed. A link to this online form may be found on the McMurray homepage at: www.ptsd.k12.pa.us/mcmurrayelementary_home.aspx

Our PTA continues to offer tremendous support to our students, teachers, and school. The PTA is led by our President, Mrs. Beth Swaney, Assistant President, Denee Hayes, and a committed group of board members and volunteers that work to provide significant support, interesting programs, and fun events for our students and staff throughout the year. Please be sure to volunteer your help to support these efforts. We truly appreciate the partnership that we have with them.

McMurray has a passionate team of faculty and staff in place for the 2017-2018 school year. We have some members of our team that are new to us and some familiar faces returning. Ms. Barson will be the newest member of our Learning Support Team. New to McMurray and teaching German to our 6th grade students will be Mr. Wilkinson and paraprofessional, Mrs. Gaudy. Returning to McMurray will be Mrs. Vance in 4th grade and Mrs. Mongillo in 5th grade. In addition, Mrs. Scouart will be starting the year for Mrs. Hemmingson in grade 4, Ms. Taylor will be starting the year for Mrs. Noel in grade 5, and Ms. Zahn will be starting the year teaching Spanish for Mrs. Schade.

We consider ourselves immensely fortunate to have such a dedicated and talented team of faculty, staff, and families working together to create challenging, fun, and interesting experiences for our students. As always, please contact any members of our team if you would like to know more about McMurray Elementary School. Thank you for entrusting the education of your children to our care.

Sincerely,

Blair Stoehr
McMurray Elementary Principal

Michael Brookie
McMurray Elementary Co-Principal