Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year at Scott M. Ellis Elementary School! We are looking forward to the return of students, and all of the wonderful experiences that are ahead. On behalf of the faculty and staff, we extend a special greeting to students who are new to our school. We are so happy to have you joining our school family!

Our first day of school will be on Wednesday, September 9th for students in grades 1-12, following regular school hours (7:55am - 2:25pm) each day. Kindergarten students will follow a special schedule during the opening days of school; a copy of the first week schedule was sent to kindergarten families in mid-August.

We have been busy selecting outstanding teachers to join our staff, and making necessary adjustments to our staffing plan. It is my pleasure to welcome the following individuals to the Scott M. Ellis faculty:

- Amanda Agneta School Psychologist, K-5
- Aaron Clermont Instrumental Music, Grades 4-5
- Brian Haller Physical Education, K-8
- Michelle Ley General Music, K-8
- Susan Mahoney Teaching Assistant, Special Education
- Kelly Mitchell Classroom Teacher, Grade 4
- Janine Rochler General Music, K-5
- Alison Thela Special Education, Grade 5
- Elizabeth Walsh Classroom Teacher, Grade 3

All families should have their children’s classroom assignments (most were notified via your child’s June report card). If parents have any questions about your child’s assignment, please contact the elementary office for assistance.
The best way to stay informed about school events is by reading school and PTA newsletters. Newsletters will be sent directly to parents via email. Newsletters, the Student Handbook, Code of Conduct, and other helpful resources are available on the District website for parents’ convenience. Our September newsletter will be available on-line during the last week of August. After September, our newsletter will be replaced by an ongoing “Letter from the Principal,” which will be used to communicate about special and upcoming school events. If you require a paper copy of these letters, please contact the elementary office.

Enclosed with this letter are a number of important materials. Please **review, sign, and return** the Student/Parent Contact Information form to the elementary office as soon as possible. We are best able to plan for student safety needs and assist our families when parent information is updated annually.

We hope the remaining weeks of summer are full of laughter, great books, and fun! All of us at Scott M. Ellis are looking forward to the opening days of school and hope you are too. We invite all students (in grades K-12) to show their **Spartan Spirit** by wearing maroon and white on Friday, September 11, 2015!

Thank you for your commitment to your child's education and your dedication to all that is accomplished at Scott M. Ellis Elementary School. Families are our greatest resource!

Sincerely,

Peter Mahan  
Elementary Principal

Dan Hash  
Administrative Intern

Enclosed:
- Student/Parent Contact Information form (including email & emergency dismissal location)
- Free and Reduced Lunch application
- FERPA information
- Pesticide/Asbestos statement
- Transportation Assignment
- September Breakfast/Lunch Menu
- Upcoming Events