



# ***WILLIAM FORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL***

## **Welcome Back Edition**

**Parent Newsletter**

**William Ford...Home of the Falcons!**



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School Website: <http://wford.dearbornschools.org>



### **September 2017 Calendar**

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| <b>9/5</b>  | <b>Students Return – 11:45 Dismissal</b>                                   |
| <b>9/7</b>  | <b>Welcome Back Coffee with the Principal<br/>8:45 AM in the Cafeteria</b> |
| <b>9/13</b> | <b>The NED Show...an Anti-Bullying Assembly!</b>                           |
| <b>9/14</b> | <b>Open House, 6:00-7:30</b>   |
| <b>9/22</b> | <b>No School for Kindergarten only</b>                                     |

### **William Ford Elementary Welcomes New Staff**

William Ford is excited to welcome several new staff members for the 2017-2018 school year!

Ms. Katie Borrello will join the first grade team. Ms. Kirsten Schmidt will join the second grade team. Ms. Renee Michaels and Mr. Hussein Bazy will join the fifth grade team. Ms. Reina Matta will join Ms. Mona Berry to provide social work. Ms. Cheryl Cook and Ms. Susan Harden will work with Ms. Scannell to provide music instruction. Ms. Sarah Torres will work with Ms. Mack in art. Ms. Ariel Baranowski will serve as our new psychologist. Ms. Jessica Haley is our new instrumental music teacher.

Although not new to William Ford, Ms. Rydlicki has moved from second grade to serve as an Early Childhood Specialist, providing intervention support to our kindergarten students. Ms. Burt has moved from an interventionist to teach third grade.

We congratulate and wish only the best to several teachers who have taken other positions in the district. Ms. Zein is now an ELD Specialist at Maples. Ms. Burkholder is an ECS at Maples. Ms. Cibasek is teaching third grade at Duvall. And, we are very happy to congratulate Ms. Zeidan on her retirement. She provided over 40 years of service to the children and families of Dearborn!

***Kindergarten Dismisses at 11:45 the first week of school.***

***Breakfast begins Wednesday,  
September 6<sup>th</sup>, 8:05-8:25.***

### **Daily Arrival and Dismissal**

Now that Alber and Ternes streets are both open, William Ford will return to our normal arrival and dismissal plan. See below for the doors students will arrive through and dismiss from.

- **Preschool:** Enter and dismiss through the parking lot door.
- **Kindergarten:** Ternes St. Door near Ford Rd.
- **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades:** Front Door
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Gather outside the cafeteria doors, enter as a class through the parking lot doors.
- **4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Ford Rd. Door
- **5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Gather outside the cafeteria doors, enter and dismiss through the parking lot door.

If students come to breakfast (8:05) they will go to their arrival door when they are finished eating breakfast.

### **Coffee with the Principal**

Join us in the cafeteria on Thursday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 for “Coffee with the Principal.” After you drop off your child, please plan to come to the cafeteria for coffee, conversation and a formal welcome back!

### **William Ford Open House**

William Ford Elementary will hold Open House on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30. Doors will open to parents and students at 6:00. We will hold a new format this year with grade level introductions in the cafeteria.

- Preschool, Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade @ 6:00-6:10
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:15-6:25
- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-6:40

During these times classrooms for that grade level will be closed so that teachers may be introduced. Once introductions are complete, teachers will return to their classrooms.

Open House is a wonderful opportunity to visit your child’s classroom, meet the teacher and visit the building. However, this is not the appropriate time to discuss your child’s progress. If you wish to discuss your child’s progress with the teacher, please schedule an appointment.

# William Ford Staff Ready for 2017-2018!

The staff at William Ford Elementary has spent the summer preparing for the upcoming school year. Many hours have been spent in professional development, researching and reading educational publications on best practices, organizing classrooms into learning centers, and some well-deserved rest and relaxation.

Our outstanding teaching and support staff is listed below...

**Principal:** David Higgins

**Assistant Principal:** Raeda Akroush

**Preschool:** A. Maktari, G. Abdallah

**Kindergarten & Young 5's:** Z. Beydoun, S. Hamm, C. Hodgkinson, T. Sadek, S. Sobh

**First Grade:** M. Albachachy, M. Bazzy, K. Borrello, M. Shajrah

**Second Grade:** R. Cwiek, G. Sabra, K. Schmidt, A. Vann

**Second & Third Grade Multi-aged Classroom:** M. Berry

**Third Grade:** S. Burt, I. Fernandez, K. Shajrah, T. VanProeyen

**Fourth Grade:** F. Cercone, K. Cojei, D. Currie, M. Hamid, D. Mroczka

**Fifth Grade:** H. Bazzy, J. Fakhreddine, A. Ferrante, S. Luckow, R. Michaels

**Bilingual Resource:** N. Abadeh, F. Abdulla, F. Shami, M. Sabbagh

**Instructional Coaches:** E. Garcia & L. Syring

**Early Childhood Specialists:** C. Rydlicki & K. Muston

**Teacher Consultants:** P. Honer & K. Rodriguez

**Social Worker:** M. Berry, R. Matta

**Speech:** S. Saidi **Psychologist:** A. Baranowski

**Media Specialist:** T. Lake-Kinnaird **Media Secretary:** S. Pearson

**Special Area Teachers:** B. Hossein, E. Scannell, C. Cook, S. Harden, B. Logsdon, J.

Lesniak, E. Mack, S. Torres, J. Haley

**Office Staff:** S. Assaf, S. Addison, S. Wazne, N. Almudhegi

**Cafeteria Staff:** C. Dughlas, N. Dabak, N. Hendieh

**Engineer and Custodial Staff:** G. Schilbe, D. Matykowski, D. Banks, K. Moses, G. McComb

**Noon Hour Supervisors:** S. Gorski, E. Abdulla, H. Abu Halawa, A. Ahmed, N. Aldubaily, N. Almudhegi, H. Mahmoud

## Please Remember...

- **Daily Schedule: 8:35-3:35** (Kindergarten dismisses @ 3:25, and Preschool @ 3:20 to a parent or guardian)
  - Students should be at school by 8:30, but no earlier than 8:20 unless they are eating breakfast. Breakfast begins at 8:05.
  - **No students should be at school before 8:05 AM, and only if eating breakfast.**
  - Please have students to school **ON TIME** and picked up from school **ON TIME**.
  - Students are to go directly home after school. Please review safety procedures with your child as he/she walks to school every day.
  - If your child is going to be absent or late coming to school, we ask that you call the school by 8:30 in morning at 827-6400. The office is open daily from 8:00-4:00.
  - Please update the office on any changes to your contacts and/or emergency phone numbers.
- It is very important that the office has at least two emergency numbers on file.**

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