



# Tuesday Topics Newsletter

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## Mark Your Calendar!

### Monday, August 18

- Registration Day  
10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

### Tuesday, August 19

- First Day of School, 8 a.m.

### Thursday, August 28

- Used Uniform Sale, MPR, 11 a.m.

## Welcome Back

Teachers are busily preparing their rooms for a new year, and one can't help but feel the school coming alive again in anticipation of a great school year. Actually, we've been quite busy over the summer working on the buildings, the gardens, and our plans for this coming year. And, as always, there will be new faces, as well as familiar ones, all eager to meet their students and begin the year together.

Some of the new faces you'll find are among our teachers. In first grade, Katrina Keene and Annetta Crawford will be joining Merrill Levine to form a fabulous first-grade team. Mary Harbin has joined our third-grade team, and in fourth grade Christy Lusk, mom of new student Natalie, will be teaming up with Mrs. Luhowiak and Mrs. Kemp. Allison Deckman, mother of Matthew and Alec, will be serving as an assistant in our third grade, and she'll also be directing our after-school sports program. In admissions and development, we're happy to welcome back a Bright School graduate, Mary Telford Williams. Mrs. Williams is the aunt of Julia and Stewart Hartman and the mother of new Bright School students, Jackson and Lucas. Finally, you won't be able to miss Paul Davis, our new Facilities Manager. Paul and his strong team of custodians have been doing a marvelous job of getting the school in shape for our children. We are fortunate to have such an experienced, professional, and fun group of new faculty and staff joining us this year.

You'll also be hearing soon of a new opportunity for you to spend some good time with your child here at Bright School. Beginning on Tuesday, August 26, we'll be serving breakfast to parents and their children at a nominal price. At first, we'll try this every other week, with the hope of soon making it weekly. We know how rushed we often are in the mornings, and we thought this would be a great way to help your child get a good start in the morning. Not only will you both get a decent breakfast, but your child will deeply appreciate your presence in his or her life here at school. In a child's mind, this will more deeply affirm that school is important and that you enjoy being involved. We'll communicate more details later.

As I'm writing this piece, I'm looking out my window at our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders practicing for football, and I know I will soon be hearing about summer reading books, vacation adventures, excitement about teachers, and the general laughter and talk that accompanies the first days of school. It all reminds me of the rich opportunities our children have for expanding their minds, meeting new challenges, and growing in stature and maturity that will set them on the right course for the rest of their lives.

I can't wait to see them again.

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# Volunteer Opportunities for Parents

## (sign up on Registration Day)

It's time to plan volunteer activities in anticipation of the new year! The Bright School Parents' Association is looking for volunteers for committees, projects or even those who can spare a few hours. The following are activities available for sign-ups during Registration:

- Bright Bonanza Carnival
- Sally Foster
- Teacher Appreciation
- Decorating
- Room Representatives (preK only)
- Afterschool Athletics
- Used Uniform Sale
- Done in a Day

Look for the tables in the courtyard on Registration Day!

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## Welcome New Faces



From left, Allison Deckman, Annetta Crawford, Mary Harbin, Christy Lusk and Katrina Keene.



Mary Telford Williams



Paul Davis

Bright School is delighted to welcome four new teachers and two new administrators for the 2008-09 school year. Katrina Keene and Annetta Crawford will teach first grade, Mary Harbin will teach third grade, Christy Lusk will teach fourth grade, and Allison Deckman will be the third grade assistant and after-school sports program director. Mary Telford Williams, Bright alum, is the new assistant director of admissions and development. Paul Davis is the new facilities manager. Please welcome these new faces to Bright School. We are fortunate to have them join us!

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## Breakfast at Bright

Do you eat breakfast with your children? Bright School is making it easier for you to share this important meal with your child - at school! Beginning Tuesday, August 26, join us every other Tuesday from 7:15 - 7:45 a.m. in the Bright School cafeteria for a nutritious breakfast, affordably priced at \$3 per adult, \$2 per student, and \$2 for faculty and staff.

