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# All About Ashley

## September 2016 Newsletter



Ashley School Tigers

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back! Despite the heat, opening day went very smoothly. I spent the first few days meeting many of the students. I look forward to meeting parents and guardians as the year goes on. There have been some changes and additions to the staff. Mrs. Demedeiros is teaching grade one. Mrs. Pappas has become our Teaching and Learning Specialist and Mrs. Gilbert has taken her place in grade three. Mrs. Piece has retired, and Mrs. Howell is now teaching our grade 3/4 substantially separate classroom. Mrs. McLaughlin is our building based substitute. When there are no teachers absent, she will be providing additional support to students. Ms. Fidalgo-Ribeiro will be providing support to our English Learners. Mrs. Phelps is on maternity leave, and Ms. Bono will be the long term substitute until she returns.

I look forward to an engaging, learning filled year with your children. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

### Important Dates

- 9/6/16 Kindergarten begins
- 9/13/16 Open House (K-1) 6pm—7pm
- 9/15/16 Open House (3-5) 6pm-7pm
- 10/4/16 PATHS (parent/teacher organization) 6pm; all are welcome to attend
- 10/3/16-10/7/16—Scholastic Book Fair—watch for additional details
- 10/10/16 No School—Columbus Day

## OPEN HOUSE

At Open House, you will have an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and see their classroom. If you are interested in volunteering for any events or classroom assistance during the school year, please stop by the PATHS table and fill out CORI and DCF paperwork. Please note, anyone wishing to chaperone a field trip must also have fingerprinting completed and kept on file with the school. Additional information will be available at Open House.

## Reminders

The secretary is available from 7:45am to 3:15pm each day. Please remember that school begins promptly at 8:15. Students who arrive after 8:15 will need to be brought into the office by an adult and signed in as tardy. You must include the reason the child is tardy to school.

Dismissal is at 2:30pm each day, including Fridays. Please pick your child up promptly. Teachers will bring students outside at 2:30. Anyone who is not picked up, will be brought to the office and an adult must come in and sign the student out and include the reason for the late arrival.

## Breakfast

Breakfast is served in the classrooms each morning and is free for all students. Lunch is also free. Students should not bring in breakfast from home due to the number of children with allergies.

## Blackboard Connect

New Bedford Public Schools subscribes to an automatic phone calling system to notify families of up-coming events or emergencies. You will receive reminder phone calls generated from the district office in advance of district events and school cancellations due to weather related emergencies. You will also receive calls from Ashley School reminding you of special events or PATHS meetings. If you are not receiving these calls we may not have an accurate phone number. Please be sure to contact the office if you need to update phone or address information during the year.



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