

STRONG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

110 No. Main Street

Strong, ME 04983

Fall 2017

Dear Parents, Guardians, Students and Friends,

Welcome back to school. We hope that your summer was relaxing and that you are ready to join us in a year of learning and engaging activities.

There are some new faces on the staff at the Strong School this year. Erica Bracy will be our PreK teacher and she will be assisted by Jillian Withee and/or Cally Brown. Erica will also be the PreK teacher in the Kingfield School. Tracie McKenzie will be a Title I Interventionist. Tracie has worked in our school in the past and is returning to us from the Phillips School. Elizabeth Marble will be teaching general music in each of the elementary schools and chorus at the high school. Joining our school staff as Educational Technicians will be Kylee Alton and Giselle Glidden.

We also have some new students and families that are joining us. Please consider joining us on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, at our Welcome Back BBQ beginning at 5:00PM. This event is sponsored by the P.T.O (Parent Teacher Organization) and is open to the families of the students at the Strong School. The P.T.O. provides the paper goods, hamburgers, hotdogs, and condiments. We ask that families in each grade bring something to support this as a family style event.

Grades Kindergarten and 8: beverages

Grades Pre - K, 1, 2, 6, and 7: salad or casserole

Grades 3, 4, and 5: dessert

Prior to the BBQ, the middle school teachers will meet with the 5th grade parents at 4:00PM. A representative from the Girl Scouts of America will be here to answer questions about their organization. Students renting string instruments will be able to make connections with the rental company. The 8th graders and their parents will hold a class meeting to talk about and schedule fund raising at 6:00PM in room 108.

This letter is going out to families as a paper copy. Please know that we are working hard to move towards cutting back on paper whenever possible. With that in mind, please check the district website for future newsletters as well as the district elementary handbook. Please consider checking the website and adding access to the calendar events to your electronic device.

The middle level soccer season will host home games and travel to Phillips, Kingfield, Stratton and Rangeley. The schedule will be on the calendar of events on the website. September games will begin 4:00PM and October games will begin at 3:30PM. The games are open to the public. Please consider supporting these events.

The Strong School is a School Wide Title I School. As a schoolwide program there is a plan designed to assist all students. The goal is to work to ensure that all students demonstrate proficient and advanced levels of achievement on the state academic achievement standards. The goals for our 2017 - 2018 school wide plan include: 1. By Spring of 2018, 85% of students in grades 1 - 8 will show the projected growth or grade level proficiency in reading as measured by MAP/NWEA. 2. By Spring of 2018, 80% of students in grades 1 - 8 will show the projected growth or grade level proficiency in math as measured by MAP/NWEA. 3. By Spring of 2018, the SWP Parent survey will be electronic with a response return of at least 40%.

Thank you for supporting the Strong School, "Where the Best Get Better."