

Scholar Scoop

September 2017



WELCOME BACK
TO SCHOOL

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From The Principal's Desk...

Dear Sigel Families,

I want to welcome all you to the 2017-2018 school year! Summer has come and gone. Now we must transition our mind-sets for learning. Each year that I return to Sigel is a privilege and I absolutely love my Sigel family. Our staff is highly qualified and dedicated, our students are curious, and our parents are supportive. Together we make a great team and I look forward to working with all of you to make this school year successful.

Entrusting you child(ren) to Sigel staff is a major decision and it is one that we do not take lightly. Our teachers have always been working hard to prepare lessons that promise to support our students in better ways and accelerate academic growth. Now we are ready for our fabulous Sigel Scholars.

With care and compassion,

Hollie Russell—West, Principal

Sigel Creed

I am a Sigel Scholar and I pledge today

To be a model of the Scholar's way

I walk like a Scholar, I am confident and tall

I work like a Scholar, I do my best and give my all

I think like a Scholar, complex and diverse

I act like a Scholar, each day I rehearse

For my role as a Scholar , showing excellence each day

I am a Sigel Scholar and a model of the Scholar's way.

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School



Sigel Spotlight on Academics

Scholar's Way

- Be Safe
- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be Productive
- Be a Leader



**Scholar Caught
"Doing the Right Thing"**



Introducing Mrs. Earhart Room 104

Hello, I am returning to first grade this school year and have spent time during this summer attending workshops to update my skills. Our class will have flexible seating to give students choices about where to work. The class has a makerspace for students to practice problem solving skills. New science, social studies, and handwriting materials will enhance the reading, writing, and math curriculum. It is important that children attend school on time everyday to gain full benefit of all the class will offer.

School is one of my favorite places and home is another. I live with my husband, Steve, two dogs, two cats, and the class guinea pigs come home with me on weekends. I like nature walks, reading, and playing with my grandson, Xander. I look forward to learning more about your families, too.

Mrs. Bergmann's Second Grade

Welcome back to school! I am Mrs. Bergmann. I have been teaching at Sigel for about 17 years. I have been teaching second grade for 3 years. A big change for me this year is that I moved down to the early childhood floor on the 2nd floor just down the hall from Mr. Potter's second grade classroom. We feel that we can better serve the needs of our second grade students if we are located in the same area. We will be working together on some activities from time-to-time. I am looking forward to an exciting school year with my new group of students. I am also excited about our new science, social studies, and handwriting programs that we will be utilizing this year. I think the students will enjoy them as well. I can't wait to get the school year started!

News from Nurse Sara

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year. I look forward to working with our Sigel Stallion families. My office hours are Tuesdays, Thursdays, and alternating Fridays.



Student safety is very important to us. In order to assure that our food service department is informed about student food allergies, please contact me if your student has a food allergy that has been diagnosed by a physician. Also, please be on the lookout for a form coming home regarding food allergies. Please be sure to return this form so that we can protect our students from exposure to allergens.

If your student requires medication to be given during school hours, please be sure that you have submitted the authorization form required by the district. This form is required even for medications that are given on an “as needed” basis. Students with on-going medical concerns such as asthma, severe allergies, seizures etc. must also have an updated action plan on file each school year.

We have several opportunities for students to receive health screenings throughout the year. These include dental, vision, and hearing, and are provided at no cost to our families. These opportunities take place at various times during the school year and some require signed consent from a parent or guardian.

Please call me with any questions you may have about our school-based health services. I can be reached through Sigel’s main office. I look forward to an amazing school year with you.

Third Grade News

Welcome third graders. We are excited about the new year! A lot of important things happen in third grade. For example, you will be switching classes, learning new skills, and taking ownership of your learning and behavior. We look forward to seeing you come ready to learn every day.



Counselor, Ms. Fields

Greetings Scholar Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Florence Fields and I joined Team Sigel as School Counselor during the 2013-2014 school year. In case this counts for anything, I am a proud product of the St. Louis Public Schools system and I currently hold a bachelor degree in psychology from the University of Missouri-Columbia (Mizzou) and a dual master degree in professional counseling and school counseling from Lindenwood University.

As school counselor, I am in charge of implementing the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program, a program consisting of four components: 1) classroom guidance, 2) responsive services (individual and group counseling), 3) individual planning (career development and personal plans of study), and 4) system support (teacher, staff, community and parent consultation and other support activities). In addition to these duties I serve as the Student Council Sponsor and the case manager for the Student Intervention Team (SIT) process to assist with response to intervention (RTI) strategies and exploring disability testing.

Any student may request to meet with me or they can be referred to me by a teacher, administrator, or parent. I am here to work for our students! My goal is to help students achieve their personal goals, social goals, and academic goals as well as provide support to parents and teachers. If your child is need of my services feel free to contact me. I can be reached by email at Florence.fields@slps.org or via phone at 314-771-0010.



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 4— **No School/ Labor Day**
 September 8— Picture Day
 September 11—Grandparent's Day
 September 14—Bi- Annual Title 1 Meeting
 September 25—Parent Mixer/ PTO Meeting



Fourth Grade News

This year, fourth, fifth and sixth grade will have five different teachers that will focus on five subjects including ELA, Guided Reading, Writing, Math and Science. We are all very excited that we will be your child's teachers this year and have been very busy setting up our classrooms and getting ready for our first day of school. We look forward to meeting every parent so that we can ensure the success of all of our students. We hope you have enjoyed a great summer and that you are ready and excited to start a great new year!



Sigel Scholars were ready for the eclipse!

Sigel would like to send a shout out to the parents who came out to support!



Ms. Mastroianni, Writing Lab

Hello and welcome back!

My name is Ms. Mastroianni (Ms. M) and I will be the writing teacher for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade. I am new to the district and look forward to meeting and getting to know you all. For our writing class, please come prepared with a notebook, folder, and red/green/yellow highlighters. We will be focused on narrative, opinion, and informative writing as well as writing in cursive! My goal is to help and engage you all to become more skilled and passionate writers over the course of this year.

See you all soon,

Ms. Mastroianni

FCS, Ms. Lewis

Greetings! I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to some (and reintroduce to others) as the Family & Community Specialist serving Sigel Elementary for the 2016-2017 school year. As a part of the SLPS Office of Family & Community Engagement, my purpose is to serve by enhancing student attendance, developing a collaborative bond with parents, families and community partners and increasing parent awareness of federal, state, district and school policies. My office hours are Monday – Friday from 9:10 am – 4:07 PM and I can be reached by phone at 314-771-0010 and by email at Shaunte.Lewis@slps.org.

SIGEL SCHOOL MISSION & VISION

MISSION: In partnership with parents and the community, Sigel will create a culture of academic excellence that meets the individual needs of all students.

VISION: Sigel Elementary is recognized as a school of excellence in teacher quality and student achievement.



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Vision: St. Louis Public Schools is the district of choice for families in the St. Louis region that provides a world-class education and is nationally recognized as a leader in student achievement and teacher quality
Mission: We will provide a quality education for all students and enable them to realize their full intellectual potential.

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