

It is indeed a pleasure to WELCOME all 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents/guardians to the 2011-2012 school year at Central Elementary! We hope your summer was a rewarding one!

John Knouse and Rosalie Burns have been working diligently preparing the building for the students return. Their work is remarkable and the building looks great! The teachers have been busy this summer making preparations for the new school year. They have made improvements to curriculum, prepared their classrooms and attended professional development trainings.

We will have a few new faces at Central when school begins at 8:05a.m. on Wednesday, August 17. We would like to welcome, Mr. William Ford to our faculty as the Art teacher. He is a resident of Chillicothe and is coming to us from Braymer. Mrs. Ashley Hawkins will be joining our team as a Special Education Instructor. She has taught at the Chillicothe Middle School for the past few years. Mrs. Jana Shira is transferring from the Chillicothe Middle School to Central as a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Ms. Sophie Pyrtle will be joining Central Elementary as a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. She completed the Fellows program last year at Field Elementary through a partnership of the University of Missouri and the Chillicothe R-II School District. Mrs. Amy Hand will move to our building as an aide in our Recovery/Resource room. Mrs. Savannah Phillips will have a new role next year as she takes over as the Library Media Specialist vacated by the retirement of Betty Sue Radcliff. We are very excited to have the movements to Central and know our team is united as we continue "Leading Learners to Learn."

Please join us on Monday, August 15 from 4:00-6:00p.m. for our Open House. This is an opportunity for you to meet the Central staff and your teacher, as well as, drop off school supplies. We look forward to seeing you then!

Respectfully,

Mrs. Melanie Rucker