



From the Desk of the Howe Elementary Principal....

August, 2016

Greetings Parents and Families of Howe Elementary School:

My name is Tina Miller and I'm extremely happy to join the staff at Howe as the new Principal. I'm very passionate about education and I look forward to partnering with you to provide our students with a rigorous, engaging, and high-quality elementary school experience. As the parent of two girls ages 9 and 12, I recognize the importance of a strong home-school connection. Parents are every child's first teacher and I believe that by working together, we can make sure your child's social, emotional, and academic needs are met.

Before joining Howe, I served in a variety of teaching and educational leadership roles over the past 16 years for the Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools. Some of the roles I have held include classroom teacher, educator coach/staff developer, and instructional resource teacher. My academic background includes a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education & German Education, National Board Teacher Certification, a Masters degree in Education, and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in Educational Leadership and Administration.

Parents, teachers, support staff, community and administration all play a part in helping our students meet and exceed our expectations of them. All of us at Howe School are eager and excited to begin what promises to be the best year ever as we continue to provide academic experiences for our students that are rigorous, relevant, and build relationships. As your Principal, it is important to me that everyone who steps through our doors—teachers, students and parents—are excited to be here! This attitude enables us to meet the challenges of academic excellence in a positive, fun and nurturing environment.

I have planned two "Meet and Greet" opportunities for families so that you can put a face with the name and we can get a chance to know each other. The first one will be in conjunction with the August 11 PTC meeting. We will be meeting Thursday, August 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Howe Library. Please note that the custodians are working hard to get our school up and running for September 1st, so we will only be able to use the library and the back entrance to the library by the Howe playground. I will have signs posted to direct your path.

The second meet and greet will be more of an informal opportunity where families can come to play on the Howe playground from 4:00-6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 24, with refreshments being served.

Please get involved with the Howe Parent Teacher Community (PTC) to ensure that your voices are heard or send me an email directly at tina.miller@wrps.net. I am looking forward to meeting each and every one of you as the summer and school year progresses. You will find that my door is always open and I am here to support you in meeting the needs of your children.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns, or ideas you would like to share.

Sincerely,
Tina Miller
Howe Elementary Principal

