

Aug-Sept 2017

"Work Hard Every Day...Every Day Work Hard"

## Upcoming Events

9/4

No School—  
Labor Day



9/12

Picture Day



9/22

First Day of Fall



9/28-29

Fourth Grade—  
Wagon's Ho



# Coyote Courier



## From the Desk of Mr. Hopkins

Well, we are finally here at the beginning of another school year. I am very excited to start year number two of my time here at Purple Sage. In looking back at this time last year, there was a lot that I did not know and in hindsight, that was just fine by me. Now that I know what I did not know, I am quite a bit busier. In my mind, that is a great thing.

I need you to know that I believe all children can achieve success. Success looks different for each child, but it is absolutely obtainable. I have challenged our staff to take these students to places that they may not have thought they could go. No matter what a child's circumstances are, we are here to challenge them and give them the tools to rise above any adversity that they face, now or in the future. Students will work hard, but they will do so in a nurturing and secure environment. If at any time you do not feel that your child is safe or cared for, immediately contact me.

We will be working hard again to help your students achieve success, no matter where they are coming from and no matter what academic level they begin their school year. We commit to helping them grow and to helping them develop into citizens and people who will better this country and the world.

This year, Middleton Schools will be implementing new resources, K-12, for mathematics instruction and I am extremely excited. Your child will be working with Ready Math by Curriculum Associates so I ask that you communicate any issues that you are having to your child's teacher. We will be working with a very systematic approach at all of the elementary schools in particular and we need feedback from all stakeholders to maximize this amazing opportunity.

You will notice that the former grass hill has been converted into a native plant garden under the leadership of our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. It was attacked by weeds over the summer so we are working hard to get things back in order and to start making valuable additions. You will also notice that we have added a beautiful split-rail cedar fence thanks to a very generous parent donation.

In closing, please know that everything we do at Purple Sage is with your child's safety, comfort and growth in mind. In order to accomplish our many goals we need cooperation from the entire community. We are a family and sometimes families disagree. If you have any concerns at all I ask that you please let us know, we are always willing to talk. I know that if we work closely together, this will be a great year.

Thank you for having your child here and welcome.

## Counselor's Den—Mrs. Fogg

I hope you and your family had a relaxing summer vacation. My name is Lynette Fogg and I am delighted to be your school counselor at Purple Sage Elementary. This is going to be a fun year filled with learning, growing and lots of new adventures. I can't wait to get to know you, your family, and most importantly, your child!

Although this is my first year as a school counselor, I am not new to the world of education. I have spent nearly 20 years teaching in various capacities. Most recently I was a fourth grade teacher prior to taking a leave to begin a counseling private practice. I am excited to be back in the world of education where I feel comfortable.

As a school counselor, I am here to help with a number of things including:

- ◆ Exploring ways to help your child succeed academically, socially and emotionally
- ◆ Brainstorming strategies for improving parent-child communication
- ◆ Connecting you with community resources
- ◆ Understanding the developmental stages of childhood
- ◆ Gaining understanding and information to help you understand your child's special needs



I am here to help your child:

- ◆ Set goals
- ◆ Work out friendship issues
- ◆ Brainstorm solutions to solve problems
- ◆ Feel good about themselves
- ◆ Learn how to make decisions
- ◆ Explore careers and jobs
- ◆ Deal with bullying and peer pressure
- ◆ Feel safe
- ◆ Succeed in school



It's easy to get in touch with me. You can call the school (208-455-1148) and ask to speak with me, or email me at [LFogg@msd134.org](mailto:LFogg@msd134.org). I'm looking forward to getting to know the Purple Sage families and students and working with you.

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## Welcome New Staff

We are pleased to announce we have some new faces at Purple Sage this year!



\*Lynette Fogg—Counselor   \*Madeline Laan—Third Grade Teacher   \*Haley Twitchell—Nurse   \*Jana Warner—Preschool Teacher  
\*Elsa Rios—Paraprofessional   \*Pam Baltzer—Paraprofessional   \*Mariah Seilhamer—Paraprofessional   \*Katie Ward—Paraprofessional