

# Zach Elementary School

**School Motto:** Together We Inspire

**School Mission:** We commit to do our best to encourage, inspire and meet each child's needs.

**School Vision:** Ensure high levels of learning for all students.

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/zachelementaryschool](https://facebook.com/zachelementaryschool)

Please "LIKE" us on Facebook! We make positive and celebratory posts and comments. It's a fun way to learn about the awesome happenings at your child's school.

Go to <https://zac.psd.schools.org/> for up-to-date information on all aspects of our school!

**August 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>**

## **New Website**

On August 11, we will launch our new school website. Check it out at <https://zac.psd.schools.org/>

## **Zach Online Academy**

Beginning August 24<sup>th</sup>, we will begin learning through "Zach Online Academy". We are very excited to launch this for all our Zach students. We have a really talented group of teacher leaders creating the most amazing format and schedules. We will have written plan for you to receive by August 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **Class Placement**

Class lists are in fluctuation as we balance genders, needs and numbers with the students leaving to register for PSDV. We should have them finalized this week and posted online for you by Aug 13<sup>th</sup>, 3pm. As always, there will be a process to request changes, however minimal changes will be allowed.

## **4th Grade Teacher**

We have hired Heather Camping to replace Jan Nimlo, who will be teaching at PSDV. Heather is a fantastic teacher with years of experience at Zach, Kinard, Bethke, and Preston. We are very excited to have her!!

## **PSD Virtual (PSDV)**

PSD Virtual is still happening. It is its own school with its own leadership and staff. I do not run that school nor make any of its decisions, so all PSDV questions should be directed appropriately. If, after the district's announcement, you are planning to return to your home school for remote learning and the possible move to on-campus instruction after first quarter, please send an email to [psdvinfo@psdschools.org](mailto:psdvinfo@psdschools.org) by August 8<sup>th</sup>. The subject line should say "Unenroll." Include your student's name and ID number as well as parent name.

## **Homeschooling?**

If you are doing any NON-PSD school or virtual program this year, please notify Stacey Towne at [stowne@psdscschools.org](mailto:stowne@psdscschools.org) so that we can remove your child from class rosters.

## **A/B Days**

If you requested a change to A/B days, those changes are on hold as our office priorities have shifted to all Phase 1 prep. We will communicate with you before the end of August.

## **Phase 1-2-3 and no Fridays**

Many of you may have wondered why there is no school on Fridays in Phase 1,2,&3. Students have the day off from school-driven learning. Employees will still be working that day. At Zach, we will lose our team planning time Mon-Thurs, so we are going to focus our team planning to Fridays. We will be virtually meeting about students, instruction, assessment, and case management. Teachers will be planning out online instruction and student online groupings.

## **3rd and 4th Grade Book Bowl**

At this time, we are cancelling the 3rd and 4th grade book bowls for the Fall. It may be something we may address in future once we are back at school.

## **PTO Board**

The proposed PTO Board slate for the 2020-2021 school year is:

- President: Gina Fechheimer
- Vice President: Emily Jones
- Secretary: Julie Gold
- Treasurer: Hong Miao

Due to Covid-related school closures, we were unable to vote this board into office at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. The PTO is not accepting additional nominations at this time. A vote on this slate will occur at the October 14<sup>th</sup> PTO meeting. If you have any questions on the PTO Board or on getting involved with PTO, please contact Gina at [gfechheimer@gmail.com](mailto:gfechheimer@gmail.com).