



RIVER VALLEY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Dear River Valley Elementary Parents,

Acknowledging that our school district will be changing over the next two years, we want to communicate details regarding building configuration and staffing at the elementary level for the 2017-2018 school year. We know that this information is important to parents and families as they begin planning for next year.

The River Valley area has the unique opportunity to create two new school buildings in configuration, educational focus, and culture over the next two years. Our staff will have increased opportunities to integrate best practices and characteristics from our current configuration into the new River Valley Early Learning Center (located in Plain) and River Valley Elementary School (located in Spring Green), while maintaining and supporting River Valley - Arena Community Elementary School (ACES) through the 2017-2018 school year. We're excited and confident this will strengthen our collective efforts and improve instructional practices. In addition, increased teacher collaboration will enhance our ability to meet the social and emotional needs of all of our students.

Our new configuration will create opportunities for same grade-level students to be together throughout their educational experience. This will allow us to establish more balanced class sizes and create diversified classes relating specifically to student academic, social, and emotional needs. We realize that parents may want to request specific teachers at a given grade level, and want to communicate that all teacher requests must be submitted in writing, either paper or email, to Jaime Hegland (jhegland@rvschools.org) by Friday, April 14, 2017. Please note that efforts to honor each request will take place; however a request does not guarantee placement.

During this time of change, it is important to communicate our confidence in improving upon the already great educational experience we provide for our students at River Valley. If you have questions regarding the attached staffing plan, or any other aspect of our elementary programming, please contact me directly at your earliest convenience.

Like a Hawk,

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**2017-2018 Elementary Staffing**

**River Valley Early Learning Center**

| <b>Grade</b>        | <b>Teacher</b>            | <b>Instructional Assistant</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 4K                  | Rhonda Licht              | Beth Novak                     |
| 4K/EC               | Melinda Mohr              | Heidi Bailey                   |
| 4K/EC               | Riley Hopkins             | Kris Bristol                   |
| 4K                  | Elaine Frank              | Mary Kraemer                   |
| 5K                  | Michelle Weiss            | Barb Gobin                     |
| 5K                  | Shannon Gutknecht-Hagmann | Kathy Straka                   |
| 5K                  | Heidi Stanek              | Lauri Dischler                 |
| Intervention        | Andrea Kinney             |                                |
| LMC                 |                           | All Assistants                 |
| Speech/<br>Language | Kay Schulz                |                                |
| Office              | Nadine Westphal           |                                |

**River Valley Elementary School**

| <b>Grade</b>        | <b>Teacher</b>         | <b>Instructional Assistant</b>   |
|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1                   | Andrea Sullivan        |                                  |
| 1                   | Terri Smith            |                                  |
| 1                   | Linda Kettner          |                                  |
| 2                   | Shannon Shelton-Ganser |                                  |
| 2                   | Michele Radlinger      |                                  |
| 2                   | Kathy Rossing          |                                  |
| 3                   | Cindi Manske           |                                  |
| 3                   | Shawna Skog            |                                  |
| 3                   | Barb Ferguson          |                                  |
| 4                   | Nicole Steigenberger   |                                  |
| 4                   | Tara Johnson           |                                  |
| 4                   | Megan Quigley          |                                  |
| 5                   | Erin Blakley           |                                  |
| 5                   | Tim Eastlick           |                                  |
| 5                   | Lori Baryenbruch       |                                  |
| SPED                | Emily Miller           | Heather Brownlee, Becky Zwettler |
| SPED                | Marcia Michek          | Kathy Heiser, Carol Scoles       |
| SPED                | Jill Bierman           | Sue White, Sheila Weiss          |
| Intervention        | Tracy Frosch           |                                  |
| Intervention        | Kathy Harris           |                                  |
| LMC                 |                        | Diane Alt                        |
| Speech/<br>Language | Brit Thatcher          |                                  |
| Office              | Sarah Schaller         |                                  |
|                     | Diane Vossekuil        |                                  |

**River Valley - ACES**

| <b>Grade</b>        | <b>Teacher</b>     | <b>Instructional Assistant</b> |
|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| 5K                  | Gina Eastlick      |                                |
| 1                   | Lisa Miller        |                                |
| 2                   | Joyce Portz        |                                |
| 3                   | Sheila Burris      |                                |
| 3                   | Wanda Kratochwill  |                                |
| 4                   | Tera Hollfelder    |                                |
| 5                   | Stephen Zerebny    |                                |
| SPED                | Kirsty Fahey       | Ann Nelson                     |
| Intervention        | Dee Swenson        |                                |
| LMC                 |                    | Deb Stafford                   |
| Speech/<br>Language | Lynn Umhoeffer     |                                |
| Office              | Joannie Harrington |                                |

**Serving All Elementary Buildings:**

|                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Art:                            | Sam Slezewski            |
| PE:                             | Nikki Berry, Taylor Jahn |
| Music:                          | Nick Ehlinger            |
| Technology Integration & Coach: | Mike McDermott           |
| Occupational Therapy:           | Nikki Bailey             |
| School Counselor:               | Stacy Hauden             |
| School Nurse:                   | Janelle Sivam            |
| Elementary Director:            | Jaime Hegland            |
| Director of Pupil Services:     | Lisa Kjos                |
| District Administrator:         | Tom Wermuth              |