

A note from Your John Ireland Parent Advisory Committee Chair:

Hello Everyone,

Welcome back to the beginning of another school year. I hope everyone was able to get out and enjoy the summer while it lasted, it seems to go by quicker each year. It will be nice to get back to the familiar routine of the school day and the kids are always excited to get back and see their friends again. Here's to the start of what is going to be a great school year.

August was the first month that JIPAC (John Ireland Parent Advisory Committee) met for the new school year and we started with reviewing the officers on the committee. I will stay on as chair this year with Becky Albrecht taking the position of Vice Chair and Sam Anderly will take on the Secretary role. If you have any interest in joining the committee please reach out to Colleen and let her know.

We had a very successful day volunteering at the beer garden for Nicollet County Fair. I want to thank everyone who was able to help out that day and an extra special thanks to those that worked multiple shifts or stayed beyond their original shift. Parent support and volunteering for events like this are critical to the success of the event and to our school. We couldn't do it without each and everyone of you.

As with every other school year we start this one with our annual Peek and Picnic on Tuesday August 31st. This is a very low key event for families to come and check out school, eat some pizza and socialize with other families. It's a great way to meet some of the other parents in the JI community and staff at the school. I encourage everyone to come and stop by. Please RSVP with Colleen so that there can be a head count taken for food.

One of the responsibilities of being a member of JIPAC is communicating with the other parents. We do this so that as parents you have another point of contact for questions or concerns besides the staff at the school. It can sometimes be easier to bring up questions or concerns to another parent. We also send out information on different topics such as upcoming events or opportunities to volunteer. Each one of us are assigned different families and they will be your contact for the school year. Please be on the lookout for that email and I would encourage you to reach out to them with any questions.

In our meeting we also reviewed the guidelines that govern the committee. These are a set of by-laws that govern different topics such as who is eligible to be on the committee, the duration of the term and that we are strictly an advisory committee to the Principle.

John Ireland is still looking for two teachers and a part time admin assistant to work in the office. If you or anyone you know is interested in either of these positions please the school office know as soon as possible.

Again, welcome to another school year which I am sure is going to be great, see you next month.

Thank you

Chris Mish, JIPAC Chair