



Dear Blasdell Elementary Families,

It is with great excitement that we welcome you and your child to Blasdell Elementary if you are new, and we welcome you back if you are returning for the 2023-24 school year. Our educators have been busy over the summer preparing their classrooms for the return of our Blasdell Bees. And our amazing custodial staff has been working all summer to get our school in tip top shape. We are grateful to our office staff, Mrs. Baranowski and Mrs. Sitarski, for working to ensure a smooth start to the school year. There are so many new things taking place at Blasdell Elementary this school year. For instance, our new bus loop, drop-off and pick-up procedures and the start of MTSS in kindergarten & second grade. We are also excited about our school year theme, **We Are Family!**

We recognize that the start of a new school year can cause anxiousness for our students so we will continue to place a strong emphasis on social emotional learning while building a strong classroom and school community. We encourage you to talk with your child about our school year theme and our **Keys For Success- Bee Respectful, Bee Responsible, Bee Safe & Bee Your Best!**

We value parental partnership and look forward to working with you. I encourage you to contact your child's teacher to identify the ways in which you can work together to foster the home school connection. Please visit our website for more information about our Blasdell PTA for opportunities to get involved and PTA meeting dates. During the first week of school, students will be sent home with a copy of the Blasdell Elementary Parent Volunteer Handbook- Procedures, Expectations and Guidelines for the 2023-24 school year. Please look for important information about volunteering and some new opportunities.

Throughout the school year, I will communicate via our school's website, weekly Blackboard updates, Twitter and our monthly newsletter, Straight From The Hive. Please stay connected by viewing the FCSD Falcon Updates as well.

In closing, I eagerly look forward to greeting our students and families on the first day of school, September 5th and anticipate a great school year ahead!

Warmest Regards,

Shannon Thurston

Principal

Blasdell Elementary

