Welcome back for a new and exciting school year. I hope as you read this letter you are enjoying the great weather we are having this summer. The Summer Reading and Math Program is finishing off another fantastic, successful year where we have over 150 students participating. Also, over the course of the summer, the faculty and staff have been hard at work preparing for the upcoming school year by participating in various professional development opportunities. I cannot wait to see the new strategies in action to further meet the needs of each and every student in the building.

As we continue to build on the success of the past and look toward the future, I want to update you on a few new details of the upcoming school year. First, I would like to announce the addition of new faculty members: Nicole Gardepe, Kylie Marvin, Colin Davis, and Mallory Collier. Mrs. Gardepe will be teaching Special Education, Miss Marvin will be teaching Second Grade, Mr. Davis will be teaching Fourth Grade Math and Miss Collier will be teaching Fourth Grade ELA. Secondly, we are proud to announce that again this year breakfast and lunch will be served daily at no cost to the students and their families. This is very exciting and tremendous news for our community. I have attached a form that needs to be filled out and returned to the office so everyone can take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. Thirdly, the enrichment period will begin this year on October 10th. This will give the faculty the ability to split up each class into similar groups to best meet the needs of each student during this period. The enrichment period will take place every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 2:20pm to 3:00pm. All students will be given a specific day they will stay for the enrichment period to get specific targeted instruction in the groups they have been selected to. Once the groups have been selected based on beginning of the year assessments, it will be communicated to parent(s) and guardian(s). The daily schedule will be adjusted this upcoming school year. The school day will continue to start at 7:55am and students will be marked tardy if they arrive after 8:05am. Dismissal will take place at 2:15pm for all students this year. The students riding the school bus will exit the building through the south doors (near the playground), while students that are parent pickups will be dismissed using all the doors of the main entrance. Lastly, just like in previous years, we will be allowing parents/guardians to walk students to their classrooms on the first 4 days of school (September 7th, 8th, 11th, and 12th). Beginning on Wednesday, September 13th, students will proceed to their classrooms with the assistance of faculty and staff.

You will be receiving information shortly of each students’ homeroom teacher and various forms that need to be filled out. Please make sure to fill out all attached forms and return to the Primary School main office by Thursday, August 24th. I also want to announce a few important upcoming events so you have the time to plan for them. The Primary School Meet and Greet will be September 6th from 2pm to 3pm. The first day of classes for students will be September 7th. The Primary School Open House will be October 5th from 6pm to 7pm. Please mark these down on the calendar so you can attend with your child as we look forward to seeing each and every one of you.

Enjoy the remaining days of summer and I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

Brian Collier

Oxford Primary School Principal