

VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 47J

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Dear VSD families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! We are excited to see our students back after summer break, and we're looking forward to a successful year.

Over the summer, I have enjoyed meeting our new students at Kindercamp and watching our high school summer interns hard at work in the building. But I'm also excited to see all students return next month, to see how tall they've gotten or to hear about their summer adventures.

We hold high expectations for Vernonia students, both for their academic progress and social emotional learning. We believe that our students who experience disability can meet our high expectations when they are provided with individualized support and caring staff who work from a mindset of what is positive and possible for each student.

As we get closer to the first day of school, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about your child's special education services or their needs for school. I can be reached at:

Susanne Myers, Special Education Director
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503-429-1376

For assistance throughout the school year, please contact your child's special education teacher. They can answer questions about your child's progress, help to problem solve when concerns arise, and help to get IEP team meetings scheduled.

Our special education teachers & contact info:

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Thank you for taking a few minutes to review this information. Please feel free to reach out if you have questions about back-to-school or at any time throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Susanne Myers

Director of Special Education

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