



## Kula Elementary School

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Aloha Families & Students:

On behalf of our hard working faculty and staff I would like to welcome you back to Kula School for another exciting year. We continue to focus on The Kula Way- Building A Culture of Mutual Respect & Shared Responsibility among our students, our teachers, and our families. Kula has always maintained the highest of reputations amongst public school and we look forward to continuing the tradition this year.

As principal it is my great pleasure to introduce some new members to our teaching team here at Kula. In Grade One we would like you to welcome Mrs. Valerie Budnick, in Grade Two, Ms. Demi Gannon, and in Grade Four Ms. Julia Brennan. All are highly qualified and have been vetted through a rigorous hiring process.

This year we will be focusing on three general themes, the first of which is our technology integration. When we open school this year all of our students will have an electronic device to enrich their educational learning and work towards the skills they will need to be successful in the rapidly changing educational environment. Students in Kindergarten and Grade One will be using HP tablets, while grade Two through Five will continue the use of Chromebooks and Google applications to do their projects.

Our second general theme this year will be a back-to-basics approach to how we treat one another at school. We will intentionally teach respectful and appropriate behaviors in the school setting. This year we reinforce behaviors such as the use of please and thank you, good morning, etc. so we can have a common understanding of how we respect one another.

Our third focus for this year will be centered on our community building process and family participation at school events such as our Harvest Festival. We believe our families' active involvement is essential to the success of each of our students. We will have no school on Friday, November 18 to accommodate family participation in preparation for our annual Harvest Festival. We expect 100% participation in some way, shape, or form.

Lastly, this year our school will begin an accreditation process through the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. This is the year we need your input concerning our strengths and needs to build a stronger school and community.

Sincerely,

Chris Bachaus, Principal