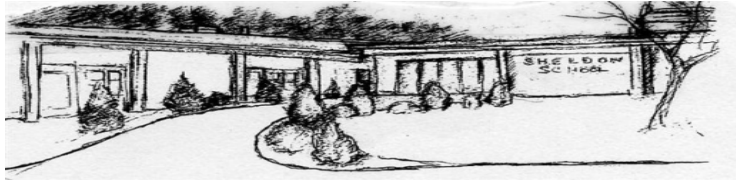


# Sheldon Elementary School



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Dear Sheldon Elementary School Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to August! It seems as if every year this month sneaks up on us and this year has been no exception. If you are doing the countdown from today, like I am, I will see you all in 26 days! I am looking forward to seeing you all.

## **First Day of School**

We are starting a little later this year, easing into the schedule with our first day for all 1st-8th grade students, on Wednesday, August 31st, kicking off a three day week. Then we have a long weekend for Labor day and welcome our Kindergarten friends on Tuesday, September 6th before we are really back to business.

Our regular school hours for students begin at 7:45am with dismissal at 2:45pm. Arrival and departure times are hectic in both our parking lot and our hallways. Please take care in dropping your students off anytime after 7:30 and waiting on the sidewalk for those students who are not riding the bus home. Also, we are happy to help the transition into school by escorting your student to the classroom, all you need to do is help be sure they get to the front Lobby. Thank you, in advance, for helping ease into the beginning of the day.

Breakfast and lunch will be served starting on the first day. Please visit our website for information about meal prices and menus. Just a reminder, Sheldon Elementary School provides free school breakfast for ALL our students.

## **Welcome New Sheldon Staff**

How lucky we are to have a great crew of new staff who are excited to start this next year as Sheldon Bears! Please join me in welcoming the following new members of our community:

**Amy Callan-Gervais**, Grade 2

**Carrie Hatch**, returning School Based PBIS and Behavioral Consultant

**Cindy Hale**, School Nurse

**Claire Hanafin**, Special Educator for the Middle School

**Curtis Comfort**, Middle School STEM, Science

**Edward Kolnaski**, Middle School Humanities, Social Studies

**Nohea King**, Physical Education

**Rodney Whiting**, Custodial

We want you to be a part of our story so please, stay connected! Visit our webpage: <http://www.fnwsu.org/sheldon/> follow us on Twitter @SheldonSchoolVT, instagram @sheldon.elementary.school and friend us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/SheldonBears/>.

As I begin my second year at Sheldon Elementary I look forward to strengthening our partnership by working with you to ensure this year is challenging but rewarding, successful and meaningful and focused on growth, caring for one another, giving back, and learning.

Take care and see you soon!  
Christie Martin