



# Pittsfield Public Schools

## Morningside Community School

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Dear Morningside Families,

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year at Morningside Community School. I am excited to begin a full year as your new Principal. I welcome your thoughts and ideas on how we can make Morningside Community School a safe and nurturing place where your child will grow and learn. I encourage you to come to our first PTO meeting on Tuesday September 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. to share your ideas.

The 2015-2016 school handbook and specialists schedule will be sent home with your child during the first few days of school. A parent signature sheet will accompany our handbook for you to sign acknowledging that you have received it. The Morningside Community School Handbook provides information such as the school year calendar, school policies, grade level homework schedules, and contact information.

EVENT	DATE	TIME	
FIRST DAY GRADES 1- 5	September 1, 2015	8:20 (Breakfast)	Please note that the first day of school is a half day. Students will be dismissed at 11:35.
Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Parent/Guardian Orientation	September 1, 2015	10:00 am	This is an "adults only" event.
First Day Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten	September 2, 2015	8:20 (Breakfast)	Pre -K is full day (8:30 – 3:05) K is ½ day (8:30 – 11:35)
PTO Meeting	September 9, 2015	5:00 pm	Everyone is welcome
Meet the Teacher Night	September 15, 2015	5:00 – 7:00 pm	
Full Day Kindergarten begins	September 21, 2015	8:20 – 3:15	

On the first day of school, your child's homebase teacher will be posted on the entry doors that correspond to the grade level entrance around the outside of the school. Please refer to the enclosed entry map to determine where your child should enter Morningside on the first day of school.

I look forward to your child's return and hope to see you soon during one of our family nights, PTO meetings, or during morning drop off or afternoon pickup. Please feel free to email or call me any time.

Jennifer Stokes  
Principal