

# McDermoth Elementary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Hello, my name is Bryan McKinney and I am very excited to be the next principal at McDermoth! My family and I are eager to move to the area and to become a part of your community. I have spent the last three years as a middle school principal in Idaho. I have also been a vice principal at a K-12 school in Nevada and an elementary school teacher. I am really looking forward to returning to the elementary level and having the opportunity to work with your kids.

At the end of June, I was able to meet with our staff at McDermoth Elementary School. It was evident that we have educators of tremendous ability and quality. Our staff was able to learn and collaborate with one another in anticipation for what will be an excellent 2018-2019 school year. Our school and district have been focused on helping your students achieve their very best. Next year we will focus on further implementing AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) and PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports). AVID is something that is new to me, but I know that the program is proven to benefit student learning and assist teachers in incorporating great learning strategies into their lessons. I implemented PBIS in my previous school and can attest to the value of recognizing students for their successes and growth. Please let me know if you have any ideas on how we can reward or motivate students throughout the school year.

We are thrilled to have the following new faces join our team at McDermoth for the coming year:  
Brandon Burns – Custodian  
Ana Farias - 3rd Grade Teacher  
Marlena Tolon - 4th Grade Teacher  
Teri Seguin - 6th Grade Teacher  
Mary Mainio – Counselor

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you regarding any concerns, questions, or successes. Feel free to give me a call, send me an email ([bmckinney@asd5.org](mailto:bmckinney@asd5.org)), or come in and visit in person. While I do enjoy meeting face-to-face, it might be best to schedule a meeting so that I can ensure that I will be in the office. One item that I would like to inform you about is our school dismissal procedures will change from last year. We will no longer dismiss students from the front of our building. All students will be dismissed at the end of the day from the playground. This change is due to safety concerns, we appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

I hope that you and your families have had a terrific summer thus far and I look forward to the beginning of school! In preparation for the school year, we ask that all students bring with them backpacks, PE shoes, and headphones to use with our school's Chromebooks. Our office will be open from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM starting Tuesday, August 14. We hope to see you at our school's Open House on Tuesday, August 28 from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM. At 6:00, I will be in the gym discussing the upcoming year. From 6:10 PM – 7:00, you are welcome to walk through the building and visit with our teachers.

Go Bulldogs!

Bryan McKinney  
Principal

*The mission of McDermoth Elementary School is to prepare students academically and socially in a respectful, safe learning environment to be positive, contributing, and proactive members of the world community.*