



# WOODHAVEN-BROWNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Learning and Leading for Tomorrow*

## **Bates Elementary School**

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Cherie Godfrey, Principal

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Bates Families,

Welcome to Bates Elementary and the 2016-2017 school year!

Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Tracy Guertin, the new Administrative Assistant in the Bates office. We are happy to assist you throughout the school year.

It is an exciting time to be part of the Woodhaven-Brownstown School District community. I am proud to update you on what we've been working on this summer to enhance our learning environment for our students. Thanks to the support of the Woodhaven-Brownstown School District in the 2015-16 bond issue, we have made the following improvements:

### **Facilities & Maintenance:**

- Installation of new playground equipment behind the school.
- Upgraded building communication marquee in front of the school.
- Security upgrades throughout the building

### **Technology:**

- Purchase of an additional classroom set of Chrome books available for student use in the classroom.

As we strive to continuously improve our instructional program and increase student achievement, we have adopted a new reading program, *Journeys*, in all of our K-5 classrooms. *Journeys* is a research-based, comprehensive English Language Arts program with proven results. It features focused, comprehensive instruction built around award winning text. Our staff has participated in professional development and planning this summer with these materials and are ready to meet your child at their level.

**Tuesday, September 6, 2016 is the first day of school.** Bates school day begins at 8:45am and dismissal is at 3:25pm. We welcome you to share the excitement of opening day with pictures and greetings from 8:45am-9:00am. **Open House** will be held on **Wednesday, September 7, 2016** from 5:30pm-7:00pm. Chamberlain Ponies & Petting Farm will be on site during open house again this year courtesy of Bates PTO.

Your child:  
2016-17 classroom assignment:

Sincerely,

Cherie Godfrey