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Alaiedon Elementary School - Friday e-Blast April 14, 2017

Hello Alaiedon Families,

It is with much mixed emotion I write my last Friday e-Blast. As shared earlier this week, I have accepted a position with the Michigan Department of Education supporting schools in developing Multi-Tiered Systems of Support. My last day at Alaiedon Elementary is Wednesday, April 19th.



Please join me in welcoming Mr. Erik Cargill (pictured at left with his family) who will serve as interim principal through the end of the school year. Mr. Cargill has been a Physical Education teacher with Mason Public Schools for the past 16 years. He has taught at Steele Elementary, North Aurelius Elementary, Alaiedon Elementary, and Mason Middle School. Mr. Cargill has been working with me to acclimate him to our building. I'm confident the end of the school year will be very smooth. His e-mail address is:

cargille@masonk12.net

Our grade level teachers have begun professional development sessions with our newly adopted literacy program, Wonders. This is a comprehensive K-6 English Language Arts program, and is designed to meet the challenges of today's classroom to reach all learners. A wealth of research-based print and digital resources provide unmatched support for building strong literacy foundations, accessing complex texts, engaging in collaborative conversations, and writing to sources. This program will be implemented in the 2017-18 school year, and will complement our Go Math program nicely. You can learn more about the McGraw-Hill Wonders reading program at: <http://www.mheducation.com/prek-12/explore/reading-wonders.html>



2017 M-STEP testing has begun. Our 5th Grade students finished up ELA testing this week, and begin Math and Social Studies next week. I thank our students for giving their best effort on this achievement test. The results are one measure we use to guide our instructional practices and gauge our path for school success.

As I depart, I wish all of you my very best. Alaiedon Elementary School is a remarkable place, and I am blessed to have had the opportunity to learn and grow alongside your children and the staff. I'm confident the accomplishments we've witnessed these past few years will continue.

Most Sincerely,
Mrs. Lisa Francisco

Calendar 2017-18 Announcements

First Day of School – August 28, 2017

Winter Break – Dec. 25, 2017 – Jan. 5, 2018

Spring Break – April 2– 6, 2018

A full 2017-18 calendar is still under development.