



Dear Elementary Parents/Guardians and Students,

Welcome to another exciting school year at Sleepy Eye Elementary School! I am honored and thrilled to introduce myself as your new Elementary Principal. My name is McKenzie Wagelie, and I couldn't be more excited to return home to the community that helped shape me as a student. As a proud Sleepy Eye Public Schools alumna, it is truly a privilege to have the opportunity to serve our students, families, and staff. Prior to joining Sleepy Eye Public Schools, I worked at Granada-Huntley-East Chain Schools as an Agriculture Teacher and FFA Advisor. During my time there, I was fortunate to serve on numerous leadership teams and committees, including PBIS, the Project Oversight Committee, Calendar Committee, Leadership Team, Student Support Team, and as a Targeted Services Teacher. These experiences strengthened my passion for creating positive school cultures where every student feels valued, supported, and challenged to reach their full potential.

At Sleepy Eye Elementary, our mission is to provide engaging, individualized educational opportunities while fostering a safe, caring, and inclusive environment. We believe that strong partnerships between school and home are essential to student success, and I look forward to building those relationships with each of our families throughout the year.

Please take time to complete your child's online registration before the start of the school year. Keeping registration information current ensures we have accurate contact information and allows us to prepare for a successful school year.

**Important Dates to Remember:**

Tuesday, August 18: Elementary Open House: 4:00–7:00 p.m.

*Lifetouch School Pictures: 4:00–7:00 p.m. in the Elementary Gym*

August 24-25th: Kindergarten Parent & Student Assessment Meetings

*Your child's teacher will contact you to schedule a time.*

**First Day of School**

Grades 1-7: Monday, August 24th

Kindergarten: Wednesday, August 26th

Discovery Time & Voluntary Preschool (VPK): Monday, August 31

*School Hours: Elementary (Grades K-6): 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.*

Families with students who previously attended Sleepy Eye Public Schools should update their registration information through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Families new to the district should complete the online enrollment process before the school year begins.

As we begin this new chapter together, I am excited to meet each of you and become a part of your child's educational journey. Whether you're returning to Sleepy Eye Elementary or joining us for the first time, know that our staff is committed to providing a welcoming environment where every child can learn, grow, and thrive. Thank you for entrusting us with your children each day. I look forward to seeing everyone at Open House on Tuesday, August 18, and to an outstanding school year filled with learning, growth, and success. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact the Elementary Office. We are here to help.

Warm regards,

*McKenzie Wagelie*

McKenzie Wagelie, Elementary Principal Sleepy Eye Public Schools