



# Rochelle Park School District

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Dear Rochelle Park Community,

As we enter the last few weeks of the summer break, thoughts are turning to the start of a new school year. Midland School is missing the sights and sounds of students, faculty, and staff! Over the summer the district has been busy with plans and preparations for embracing the 2023-2024 school year.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Courtney Carmichael as the new principal for Midland School #1. Some highlights of Dr. Carmichael's 20 years of experience include: Assistant Principal, Director of Elementary Education, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction, Teacher, School Safety Specialist, Blue Ribbon School leadership, grant writing, HIB programming, social-emotional learning programmer and educator. She has received recognition in the areas of STEM, History, and Humanities alongside having been a presenter on topics such as, Advisory in Middle Schools, New Service Teacher, English Language Learners, Women's Leadership, and more across the state.

Dr. Carmichael has shared communications with families and has planned a "Popsicles with the Principal" event for August 24th from 1pm - 2pm under the pavilion. She has shared information about other opportunities to welcome new students alongside other start up information, including a Parent Advisory Group. Please see her letter to the community, also posted on the school website at [www.rochellepark.org](http://www.rochellepark.org). Welcome, Dr. Carmichael!

The district has experienced significant growth in the last few years. Our initiatives, included developing a full continuum of special education services across all grades, building a state of the art learning lab for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math), further wellness initiatives for students and families, and enhancing social and physical development through the new outdoor multi-use courts and pavilion, and quarterly newsletters to the community, just to name a few. A special note of appreciation to the Midland School PTO for the donation of new bleachers in the gymnasium. The district's commitment to developing healthy bodies and minds is ongoing as are our efforts to promote academic growth. Rochelle Park School District is truly a place where students come first!

The faculty and staff will return to work on September 1st for professional development learning, and preparing to meet the students. Students will start the new school year on September 6th; a half day with 12:41 pm dismissal. Again, please see Dr. Carmichael's letter for further details.

As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together we have achieved and will continue to grow.

Respectfully,  
*Dr. DeNobile*, Superintendent