



Welcome to
Laurel Elementary School
of Arts & Technology

Kindergarten Parent
Information

January 2022

Tommi Sue Cox, Principal

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Principal



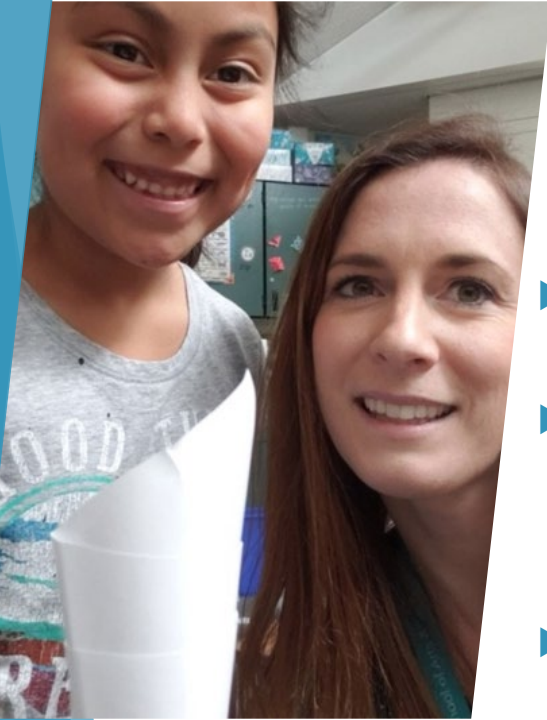
Laurel History

- ▶ Laurel Elementary School of Arts & Technology is the oldest elementary school in the town of Fort Collins and has been educating Fort Collins' youth since 1906. The original building is on Laurel Street and is now Centennial High School.
- ▶ Our current building was constructed in 1993. It is a beautiful architectural design called the Delany Model. There are 6 other schools in PSD of this design.



Mrs. Cox Principal

- ▶ This is my 20th year as principal of Laurel
- ▶ I have been married to Dan for 38 years. We have 3 grown children, Jake (32) & wife Corey, Tim (28), and Danni (25).
- ▶ Tim and Danni went to school here
- ▶ I am half Navajo and grew up on the Navajo reservation
- ▶ I love Laurel!



Mrs. Pawelski, Assistant Principal/MTSS Coordinator

- ▶ Second year as Laurel Assistant Principal/ MTSS Coordinator
- ▶ My husband Joe and I live just down the road from Laurel with our 3 daughters, Tennessee (7th Gr.), Nikola (4th Gr.), and Zasu (1st Gr.).
- ▶ We love our school and neighborhood!



Laurel's Diverse Population

- ▶ We highly value and embrace our beautiful diversity!
 - ▶ Cultural
 - ▶ Economic
 - ▶ Ethnic
 - ▶ Learning Strengths and Needs
 - ▶ Linguistic



Introductions

Kindergarten Teachers

- ▶ **Emily Anderson, Teacher**
 - ▶ 18 years experience; 16 years at Laurel
- ▶ **Michelle Arnold, Teacher**
 - ▶ 16 years experience; 16 years at Laurel
- ▶ **Miriam Cromley, Teacher**
 - ▶ 17 years experience; 17 years at Laurel



Enrichment Opportunities

Before and After School Enrichment

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- ▶ PSD After 3! after school program
- ▶ Laurel Strings program during the school day
 - ▶ Information will be sent home the first few weeks into the school year
 - ▶ Lottery based program
 - ▶ Waitlist



AlphaBEST

- ▶ Register for before and/or after school care
<https://www.alphabest.org/poudreco/>
- ▶ 6:30am-7:30am & 2:23pm-6:00pm

Parent Engagement (Get Involved!)

- ▶ Parent Engagement activities throughout the school year

- ▶ Back to School Night
- ▶ Laps for Laurel fundraiser
- ▶ Fall Carnival
- ▶ Family Nights
- ▶ Parent-Teacher conferences



- ▶ Volunteers welcome anytime!

- ▶ All volunteers are required to register as a PSD Volunteer using this link:

[PSD Volunteer Registration](#)

- ▶ Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

- ▶ Amazing – Incredible – Real – Friendships

- ▶ School Accountability Committee (SAC)

- ▶ Wellness Team

- ▶ Parent Memos and Parent Newsletter

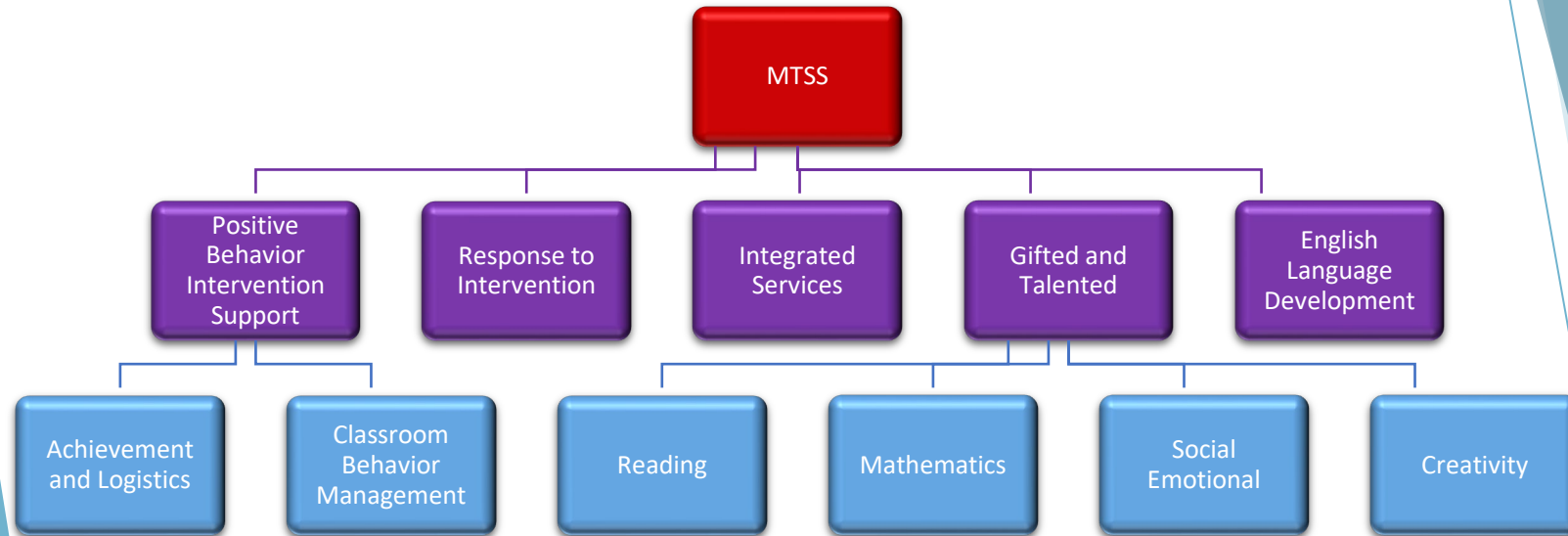
- ▶ Weekly and monthly communication from Administration and classrooms

Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS)

- ▶ **Core Values ROAR: Respect, Own your behavior, Attitude, Responsibility**
- ▶ **Teach expectations; ROAR Pledge**
- ▶ **Recognize and praise children**
 - ▶ **Paws**
 - ▶ **Classroom rewards**
 - ▶ **Friday ROAR Model drawings**
 - ▶ **Positive Office Referrals**
 - ▶ **Treasure Box**
- ▶ **Peacekeepers**
 - ▶ **Learn how to respectfully resolve conflicts**
- ▶ **ROAR Assemblies**



Multi Tiered System of Support (MTSS)



2020-21 Kindergarten

- ▶ Full day 7:45am-2:23pm
 - ▶ No Tuition
- ▶ Half day option is available on a case-by-case basis
- ▶ School Choice
 - ▶ Registering for Kindergarten at your Neighborhood school is required.
 - ▶ We have room to accept students! Yay!
 - ▶ School choice deadline January 21st. Lottery is held January 27th.
 - ▶ Parents are notified January 28th.
- ▶ Transition Days/Staggered Start for Laurel Kindergarten students:
 - ▶ Thursday, August 18th students with last names beginning A – L attend.
 - ▶ Friday, August 19th students with last names beginning M – Z attend.
 - ▶ The first day of Kindergarten for all is Monday, August 22nd.



Current Kindergarten Experience

(Times may change for 2022-23)

Daily Schedule

- ▶ 7:25 – 7:40 Students arrive at school
- ▶ 7:45 – 8:00 School begins- Settle In/Morning Work
- ▶ 8:00 – 8:50 Whole Group Literacy and Writing
- ▶ 8:50 – 9:20 Small Group Literacy Clubs
- ▶ 9:25 – 10:10 Specials
- ▶ 10:15 – 10:45 Snack and Calendar Time
- ▶ 10:45 – 11:45 Whole Group/Small Group Math
- ▶ 11:45 – 12:30 Lunch and Recess
- ▶ 12:35 – 1:05 Language Block
- ▶ 1:10 – 1:40 Center Time
- ▶ 1:45 – 2:05 Recess
- ▶ 2:10 – 2:23 Pack Up and Dismissal



Specials

K-5 Experience

45 minutes/day; weekly rotation

- ▶ Arts and Tech Enrichment— a unique hands-on experience
- ▶ Media & Technology, Mrs. Gallahan and Mrs. Reed
- ▶ Music, Ms. Kelly
- ▶ Physical Education, Mrs. Rittner
- ▶ Visual Arts, Ms. Ambrose



Kindergarten Curriculum

- ▶ Colorado Academic Standards
 - ▶ Mathematics
 - ▶ Reading, Writing, Communicating
 - ▶ Science
 - ▶ Social Studies



- ▶ Cengage Reach for Reading
 - ▶ National Geographic
 - ▶ Themes
 - ▶ Science
 - ▶ Social Studies



- ▶ enVision 2.0
 - ▶ Based on the idea that we encounter and use mathematics in our everyday lives so students must master procedural fluency, conceptual understanding, and universal application.
 - ▶ Provides whole group, small group, partner and independent learning activities
 - ▶ Hands-on, interactive lessons
 - ▶ Calendar time daily

Registration for Kindergarten

- ▶ **Online registration for Kindergarten is open!**
 - ▶ Immunization records, birth certificate and proof of residence may be uploaded when registering online
<https://www.psdschools.org/schools/school-registration>



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