

Dear Dayton Families

November 4, 2022

The school year is off to a great start with students involved in many of our traditional activities. Our students are working hard on academics in the classrooms. The grade school students earned over \$15,000 for the parent, teacher, student organization (PTSO) during the pirate walk this year. Thank you to so many who sponsored our students. All four of the high school athletic teams qualified for the state playoffs. It has been great to see middle school sports and events such as dances return this school year.

We know that the pandemic shutdown and hybrid learning were hard on our staff and students. Staff are working hard to reestablish norms that existed before the pandemic and students are working hard as well. We know that academic progress was less during the pandemic not just in Dayton but all across the state and nation. We are committed to helping our students recover lost learning and reach their full potential. We appreciate the partnership of our parents and community in this process.

There are many dates to remember in November and December as there are several holidays and conferences coming up. Conferences will take place the evening of November 9, 2022 and the morning of November 10, 2022. There is no school on November 11, 2022 for Veterans Day. There is no school the week of November 21 through 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday. This year there is no school from December 21, 2022 through January 3, 2023 for winter break.

As you likely already know I have decided to retire at the end of this school year. The school board has begun the process to search for the next superintendent of Dayton School District. There will be opportunities for community involvement in the process and I encourage you to get involved. It has been my honor to serve the staff, students and community of Dayton. Kelley and I will continue to live in Dayton and support the schools.

We encourage the community to stop by our schools and visit. We especially want to see you at the events that happen throughout the year. Our staff and students work hard everyday. We are extremely thankful to the community for your continued support. Go Pirates!

Sincerely,
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