

CHRISTA MCAULIFFE ELEMENTARY
PHYSICAL EDUCATION
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Dear Families,

Welcome to Physical Education at Christa McAuliffe Elementary! My name is Brian Johnson and I am excited to be back for my sixth year of teaching at this fine school. I was born and raised in Port Orchard, WA and then moved to Bellingham where I graduated from Western Washington University with a Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education and Health and a Residency Teacher Certificate with a Health and Fitness Endorsement. I have also earned a Professional Teacher Certificate from Seattle Pacific University and a Master of Science in Education (Integrating Technology in the Classroom) from Walden University. My wife, Erin, is also a teacher at this school and we have a son, Thomas, and a dog, Lucy. My mom, Mary, recently retired after 40 years of teaching and my dad, Gary, will also retire soon from being a pharmacist. My brother, Dave, is the CEO of a personal training gym in Bellevue and Seattle.

Physical Education helps students develop knowledge, attitudes, motor skills, behavioral skills, and confidence needed to be physically active and healthy for life. Our goal is to teach all students how and why they should keep themselves healthy throughout their lifetimes. Here is how we achieve this goal:

- Our curriculum is aligned with national, state, and local standards which include a variety of skills, concepts, and games designed to enhance the cognitive, motor, affective, and fitness levels of every student.
- Our class is designed so that all students receive maximum participation and success. Therefore, each student's participation is vital in the educational experience.
- Students are graded on effort which includes: focusing and engaging in the class activity; listening to and following instructional directions and asking for help when needed; following class rules; respecting people and school property; cooperating with others to accomplish lesson goals. Grades can be viewed anytime by logging into Parent Access.

Appropriate clothes and shoes suitable for physical activity must be worn during class. Students may not be able to participate if proper attire is not worn. Please provide a note or email if a student is unable to participate due to illness, injury, or other circumstances. Please email me or set up an appointment to meet with me before or after school if you have any questions or comments. By working together, we will be able to achieve our goals.

Sincerely,

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