

Welcome back to the 2016-2017 School Year! The summer flew by and found us taking care of a number of small projects across the district. We recarpeted the elementary hallways, began development of a PE Activity Field in the back of the elementary school (to be finished next summer), and worked on several other projects.

We welcome all of our students and families back to an exciting and challenging school year. We will embark on a revisioning process for our strategic design plan beginning in September. We look forward to including parents, students, and community as we work through the process. Staff and members of the board will begin work in early September on revisiting our current mission, vision, values, and goals and begin to build the picture of an Upton graduate that can move forward in the global economy.

One change to note as we start back to school is the daily time schedule. School will run from 8:00-3:30 on Monday-Thursday and 8:00-1:00 on Friday. Doors to the building will open at 7:30 each morning for students.

We are in full swing of practices and will have games already this Friday for both MS and HS athletics. We have many students out for Golf, Football, and Volleyball.

We welcome three new teachers to our ranks and look forward to everyone's success this school year! As a reminder, if there are concerns or questions, please utilize the chain of communication in the school, starting with the person closest to the situation or area that you want to discuss. This is a professional courtesy to our staff and will certainly provide you with the best information for the situation.

As always, I welcome conversations and questions to the superintendent's office or to my email at sstephens@weston7.org.

Go Bobcats and Patriots for a fantastic year ahead!!