



# Mountainside School District

## Beechwood School

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Dear Beechwood Families,

HELLO! I am beyond thrilled to introduce myself and welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year! With August now upon us, the official countdown to our first day of school (Wednesday, September 8th) begins!!!

It is my mission to work collaboratively within this outstanding school community to ensure your child LOVES school and learning. I have focused on the unique needs of early elementary-aged children for my entire career, and truly believe that when the “magic” happens during these early experiences, it can lead to a positive trajectory that will extend well beyond the Beechwood years. Click [here](#) to learn a little more about me, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to connect before the year begins. Our partnership will always yield the best outcomes for your child, and your insight is invaluable and welcome!

Also to that end, I just can't wait until September to meet the '21-'22 Beechwood Bears! If your child is available, I invite him/her to join me for a Pajama Party Read-Aloud on one of these dates: either Thursday, August 12th from 7:00-7:30 pm or Tuesday, August 17th from 9:00-9:30 am. Click [here](#) for more about these parties!

Many details regarding the specifics of our opening will be forthcoming, however, I'd like to share a few important references, dates, and points of information at this time:

- The district's website is <https://www.mountainsideschools.org/> Here you can find extensive information about each school and the district in its entirety.
- Click [here](#) for a copy of the 2021-2022 single page, annual calendar
- Mountainside has transitioned from PowerSchool to Genesis! All families will be receiving information from the district on how to access the parent portal. This information, including classroom assignments, will be available for viewing towards the end of August. Be on the lookout for more on Genesis later this month!
- Mark your calendars! The **BEECHWOOD OPEN HOUSE is Thursday, September 2nd from 2:00-3:30 pm**. Students will be assigned a particular time slot within the time frame. The open house is an opportunity for students to visit their classroom, meet their teacher and some classmates, drop off school supplies, and pick up a few items we have for you from school that will be helpful for the first day. Unfortunately, I will not be present on this date (my sister will be getting married out of state - ugh!!!). Rest assured I am working on how to creatively “show my face” for this important Beechwood Day!!! More details about the open-house to follow as we get closer to September.

Once again, I can't wait to meet everyone. It is going to be a great year!!!  
Proud to be a Bear,

Jessica Vierschilling  
Principal, Beechwood School