## Welcome Back Rockets, we missed you!!

On behalf of our entire Challenger family, we would like to welcome back our Challenger Rockets and their families. I would also like to extend a special welcome to our incoming Kindergarten students who are new to our school. Many hours of planning and hard work have gone into preparation for a successful school year.



All of us at Challenger Elementary School are eager and excited to begin what promises to be the best year ever. This year will be amazing as we continue to provide academic experiences for our students that are rigorous, relevant and help them build relationships while making real world connections. Safety is something that we take seriously, and we practice precautions each day to ensure the students, faculty and staff know this is a secure environment. As your Principal, it is important to me that everyone who steps through Challenger's doors, whether it be teachers, students, parents, grandparents or guardians – feel safe and are excited to be a part of the Rocket family! We will continue to use our single of point entry. Please remember to bring a valid form of ID if you plan on entering the school beyond the single point. We have a new updated camera system which allows us 24 hour surveillance. I am also excited to share that we now have a full time SRO ~ Deputy Degrace will now be at our school Monday through Friday. Working together as a TEAM enables us to meet the challenges of academic excellence in a safe, positive, fun and nurturing environment.

With the help of our amazing PTA, we have many exciting events to look forward to throughout the year that includes not just students, but their families too. Some of the big PTA events of the year are the Harvest Fest, Fun Run, Father/Daughter Dance, Mother/Son Movie Night and our End of the Year Luau, just to name a few!

On behalf of myself, faculty, staff and PTA, we cannot wait to see you all at our Open House this Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Looking forward to another exceptional year and most importantly, seeing all of YOU!

Fondly,

Tara C. Zdanowicz

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