

Kane Area Elementary School

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Dear Students, Parents, Family, and Friends,

My name is Shannon Olson, and I am the Kane Area Elementary School Principal. This is my fourth year in this position. I graduated from Kane in 1998, so the pride that I have in this district runs deep. I taught math for 10 years at Bradford Area High School, then for 9 years at Kane Area High School, and for 2 years I was the Assistant Principal at KHS. I am excited to go into my fourth year and see all the positive changes here. The commitment and passion that is shown throughout this school is amazing!

Everyone has worked very hard over the summer to ensure a smooth transition back to school. *Success For All Reading (SFA)* program and the *GO Math!* program will again be utilized this school year. SFA is going to the newest addition this coming year. These programs place a strong focus on the state standards, provide consistent instruction across grade levels, and use discussion and writing to foster transfer of learned concepts. With these programs we will continue to see our students grow. We also adopted new STEELS standards for science, and we have resources from FOSS Science ordered for the classrooms. I am super excited for these resources to be used in the classroom to enhance our science curriculum.

Teachers and staff will continue to implement a Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports program called PBIS. Information about this program will be forthcoming, but the basis for this is that students will learn appropriate behavior in the same way they learn to read- through instruction, practice, feedback, and encouragement. Through our PBIS framework students learn to be **RESPECTFUL**, **RESPONSIBLE**, and **SAFE**!

There are so many working parts to an elementary school. I am so thankful for everyone's involvement, and with help from the PTO, we hope to get more and more family and friends into the school this year to see all the amazing things that are going on.

I look forward to a great school year! Please contact me through the office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shannon Olson".

Principal, Kane Area Elementary School