

# Noah Wallace School



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Dear Noah Wallace Families,

I hope that you are continuing to enjoy your summer vacation.

I have quickly learned that Noah Wallace is a very special community of learners. In June, I was able to meet many parent volunteers, staff, and students at Field Day. A few days later, two proud fourth grade students led me on an impressive tour of the building and helped me understand how students at Noah Wallace “lead their own learning.” On my first days as principal, I also observed many parents coming together to paint and rejuvenate our blacktop for the children of Noah Wallace. All of these experiences have helped me begin to understand the strong traditions and values of the Noah Wallace community, Farmington Public School’s excellence in teaching and learning, and the high expectations we have for our faculty and students alike. I am extremely excited and proud to work with all of you as the principal of Noah Wallace Elementary School.

I knew from a very young age that I wanted to be an educator. Following in both of my parents’ educator footsteps, I graduated from the University of Connecticut and began my teaching career in Redding, CT as a grade four classroom teacher. After teaching for eight years, I began to work on my Educational Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Central Connecticut State University. Soon after researching mathematics problem solving through my dissertation work, I was appointed the assistant principal of Redding Elementary School. Four years later, I was named the principal of the same school and remained in that position for five years. Like you, I am also a parent. I have three children; one son who will begin preschool this fall and two daughters who will be entering second and fourth grade. Throughout this last year, I decided that it was time to move closer to my hometown so that I could spend more time with my family and also dedicate more time to a new school community.

As a district, Farmington continues to focus on the Vision of the Graduate and the Framework for Teaching and Learning. Over the past few years the faculty has been working to support students as “leaders of their own learning” and it is now evident that they are becoming increasingly independent and resourceful learners. When children feel a sense of ownership and pride in their work and are supported with academic challenges that are “just right” they are eager to engage in learning opportunities. I look forward to helping the students and teachers continue to “lead their own learning” as we move further into the 21st century.

Throughout the year, I will be holding “Conversations with the Principal” as part of our PTO meetings to help parents learn more about me as a school leader and educator. We will focus on important educational topics that are pertinent to the Farmington Public Schools, Noah Wallace Elementary School, and elementary age children. Please feel free to contact me with any suggestions or topics for discussion via email: [huberc@fpsct.org](mailto:huberc@fpsct.org).

In just a few short weeks we will be welcoming back staff and students to Noah Wallace for the 114th year. We look forward to greeting your children on Monday, August 28 when we will begin another exciting year. We will contact you via email with teacher placement information during the middle of August. Please continue to enjoy the precious summer moments as a family.

Sincerely,

*Carrie W. Huber*

Principal