August 4, 2015

Dear 2nd and 3rd grade Ferson Parents,

I’m writing to inform you about a change at Ferson Creek for the 2015-2016 school year.  Due to increasing enrollment, Ferson Creek will have a Multi-Age classroom composed of Second and Third grade students. The remaining classrooms will be one-grade classes.

By utilizing a Multi-Age philosophy, we are able to keep classes at 2nd and 3rd grade at a comfortable 25 students each. The alternative to having a Multi-Age class would be to have 30 students in each second grade and 29 in each third grade, and thus need to ‘Cap and Send’ students to nearby schools. I believe that we would all prefer to keep our students at their home school.

The Multi-Age classroom will be taught by Danielle Bowen, who has been in our second grade for several years. She is excited at the opportunities this brings to our students, and is already preparing for the year. The class will be comprised of approximately ten 2nd graders and ten 3rd graders, totaling​ twenty students in all. The remaining 2nd and 3rd graders would be distributed amongst the remaining classroom teachers, giving us 25 in each classroom throughout both grades. We would then be able to accommodate any new students during the year, without changing classes or adding staff.

Class lists will be posted on Monday, August 10th, and given the timing involved with this initiative, all 2nd and 3rd graders will have **TBD** listed for their teacher assignment. We aim to have class assignments for all 2nd and 3rd graders finalized by Wednesday, August 12th. In order to assist us in composing the best classes possible, we are asking the following: ​

* If you would prefer your child ​to be placed with Ms. Bowen in the Multi-Age 2nd and 3rd grade ​classroom, please contact me via email at [cadkins@d303.org](mailto:cadkins@d303.org) or by phone, 331-228-6475 by noon on Friday, August 7th. ​

I thank you for your attention to this matter and I look forward to receiving your requests.

​Feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions.  ​

Yours in Education,

Chris Adkins, Ed.S.

Principal, Ferson Creek School