

Sunshine, rain, and snow, we have to love springtime in Valdez! We are now getting ready to slide into home plate and finish out another wonderful year. This year has been especially wonderful for me as it has been my first year in Valdez. During this year I have been constantly impressed by the staff and students of the Valdez City Schools. We are currently in the process of interviewing and selecting a new Elementary Principal as well as a new High School Principal. While we are sad to see familiar faces go, we are excited to meet our new administrators. We are also hiring a new District Librarian, Special Education Director, Special Education Teacher, and one new Elementary Teacher.

Once school is out the school board will continue working on identifying our district priorities as well as working on the policy changes that never seem to be completed. We are all very excited about beginning work on our new middle school. We are currently working hand in hand with the city council to move to the next step of the process and finally complete the school building that Valdez has been waiting for since 2002. We are taking our time and making sure that every step is done correctly and efficiently so that we will have no surprises along the way.

Finally, I want to take a moment and publicly thank each and every person who has taken time out of their busy schedules to introduce themselves to me and to extend me a welcoming hand. As with any new member of the community, it has taken me a while to get to know Valdez, but I am happy to have been welcomed in by all my new friends and neighbors. I feel blessed to get to wake up each and every day excited to go to work at a job I love, with people who also love the work that they do. Please have a safe and fun summer break and we look forward to seeing the students in the fall.

Thank you,

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