# THE CRAYON TIMES opening a new box

### **NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**



There are two new additions to the playground area. These new additions include a sit and spin, and a jungle gym. The students have been enjoying them for a while now. "[The new sit and spin is my favorite part of recess] because it spins and it makes me dizzy." said Elena Rodriquez from 2nd grade. Second grader Jaden Brown looks down from the top of the jungle gym. "[The new jungle gym is my favorite part of recess] because I like jumping down," he said.



## **OFFICER PATRICK'S BIRTHDAY**





The school resource officer, Corporal Jerry Patrick, celebrated his birthday with the third graders on Friday, August 30. He has been celebrating his birthday at Kolling since he started working for the Corporation.

#### August 2019 NEW CLASSROOM TEACHERS



Miss Jenny Lindholm (1st grade), Mrs. Erin Cook (Kindergarten), Ms. Rhonda Ferguson (1st grade) and Miss Brianna Mamelson (3rd grade)

The year is starting off new for both students and staff. There are four new classroom teachers, and their routines are beginning to fall into place.

Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Cook, believes that children's mental health is important to focus on. She says, "I like to do a lot of yoga. We do a lot of breathing exercises and i just like to make it a nice, calm, soothing environment while we still have fun. It's not so meditative that we're falling asleep in here, but I do like to take a lot of brain breaks

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because I feel like the little ones especially need to get up, move around and figure out how to selfregulate, how to calm themselves down and how to make that switch in their brain. They need to learn how to do that so they can take care of their mental health too. [I think] Social and emotional health is huge."

These teachers are focusing on the best ways to make their students feel great, while also succeed. Ms. Rhonda Ferguson has a behavior reward system every week for her first graders, and loves to see them encourage one another.

She explains, "They're not crying on their desk [because] they didn't get one, but everyone is cheering each other on. I'm really hoping we come together as a unit and encourage each other all year long."

Encouragement and support are needed for students' success. The students succeed because of their teachers, and the teachers love watching them do so. ;

"I love when you have a student who's struggling and can't figure out what's going on and then all of a sudden they have that aha moment and they get so excited when they learn something new." Miss Jenny Lindholm said about her third graders. Teachers can influence students to make a difference, and these four new teachers are going to do amazing things. First grade teacher Miss Brianna Mamelson says, "I really wanted to work with kids and make a difference."

## HOMECOMING?

Ms. Danielle Hill's second grade class helped Lake Central High School student Jackson Krueger ask Colleen Dyra to the homecoming dance. The students held up signs of song lyrics as Krueger recited a poem to Dyra. The high school students come to Kolling for their education profession program.



## **BRENNA SEALY**

Hello! I am the Public Relations Intern this year, and I will be creating monthly newsletters that will be released at the beginning of the following month. The newsletters will consist of some events and interesting things that have been going on with the students and staff of Kolling Elementary School. I am planning on going to college to study Public Relations and Communications, so this is the perfect opportunity to learn! I am beyond excited for this year!



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## SUPER STAR CORNER

The super star corner is a place where positive members of the community get to share their stories.

Beginning next month, there will be a different person, or group of people that will be highlighted when they do something positive for the community. Students/parents of students that believe they are qualified to be the super star of the month can contact a teacher who will then contact me, or directly contact me through the email provided above.

Things such as going to a nursing home, animal shelter, planting trees and volunteering time can all make you super star material!