

Summer of Changes

Welcome to the 2016-17 school year! Faculty and staff greeted 147 students on the first day of school with lots of hugs, high fives and cheers. The hot topic for the year is the new uniform colors. Kids and adults alike shared their love for the new color options and the idea that our new look is a more accurate reflection of The Joy School spirit!

Equally exciting for the adults are the 22 additional parking spaces on-site allowing all employees the ability to park on campus for the first time in the history of the School! An unexpected bonus of removing the temporary buildings from the west end of campus is that our beautiful old oak tree (fondly referred to as Mrs. Nelson's tree in honor of our beloved neighbor who sold us her property in 2009) now seems to have an even more regal presence on the playground.

Students have also expressed appreciation for and enthusiasm about the new planters centrally located in the courtyard area, featuring peppers, thyme and cauliflower among other herbs and vegetables. Our garden, once reserved for middle school students and located behind locked gates, has been transformed into a beautiful hands-on feature for all students to study and enjoy. There were plenty of dirty hands when the plants arrived last week. Many thanks to alumni students Charlie McIntyre and Amelia Carrier, who helped relocate and design our new garden spaces this summer.

The fall semester is already busy with events for both students and parents, but of course the one event most anticipated by all is Family Fun Night, held on Friday, October 14. Hope to see you then!