

John T. Pirie Fine Arts & Academic Center
Physical Education Department

Dear Parents,

Hello my name is Mr. Darrell Vetter and I will be your child's new Physical Education teacher for the 2016-2017 school year. This will be my seventeenth year teaching Physical Education. I received my undergraduate in '99 and my graduate degree in '09.

I am looking forward to providing your children with an exciting and rewarding physical education program. The P. E. classes will prove to be an integral phase in their physical and social development. I take pride in the P.E. program and I'm committed to giving all students the best instruction possible. Pirie implements CHAMPS strategies throughout the school year to promote positive behavior. Please discuss with your child about the characteristics of participating in **C**onversation, **H**elping others, **A**ctivities, **M**ovement, and **P**articipation Success.

The aim of the physical education program at Pirie Elementary School is ***to develop and improve students' personal fitness, motor and cognitive skills, social and emotional well being, while providing developmentally appropriate activities through purposeful, creative, and enjoyable instruction.*** By incorporating challenging yet achievable tasks, the students will attain positive attitudes about physical activity and movement.

Every child is expected to participate to the best of their ability each day they attend class. There are days when illness or injury may inhibit your child's ability to participate. If so, please send a note with your child, with a brief description regarding the nature of the restriction. If you have a doctor's note which states restrictions, please send it to the school immediately. **If your child has any ongoing health concerns or restrictions that we need to be aware of, please send a detailed note with instructions for their class participation limitations.**

Your child's safety is my number one priority and for that reason; I ask that they wear athletic or running type shoes with laces or straps. Shoes with heels, boots or sandals (such as clogs) may not be worn. I strongly encourage students to wear socks with their shoes and girls that choose to wear dresses or skirts should wear shorts underneath their clothing as part of their uniform. Students will receive an order form to purchase Gym Uniforms for the year. The forms will be sent home in September.

The students will be assigned a specific set of days and times of Physical Education each week based on a 5 Day, (Mon to Fri) rotation. The classroom teachers escort students to the gym and I escort students back to class. A master schedule will also be posted outside the gym and on my web page. **The information on this letter will be posted on the P. E. Web Page for you to view anytime.** Thank you for your support, and I look forward to working and learning with your child. You may reach me at (773) 535-3435.

**Sincerely,
Darrell Vetter, PE Teacher**

