



WOODHAVEN-BROWNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Learning and Leading for Tomorrow

Erving Elementary School

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Dear Erving Elementary School Families,

Welcome new and returning families to the 2017-18 school year! We are so fortunate to have a dedicated staff, wonderful students, actively involved parents and community members. Together, we will create a year of excellence for our children as we focus on nurturing student and family engagement and empowering responsible leaders, and creating and maintaining our commitment to a rich learning experience for all students.

At Erving, we pride ourselves on being *A Steven Covey, LEADER IN ME School*. *The Leader in Me* is an innovative, school-wide model that emphasizes a culture of student empowerment and leadership. We help kids develop personal and academic leadership skills to maximize their full potential. Erving Elementary School has achieved **Lighthouse School** status. Through *The Leader in Me*, we teach the *7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. The *7 Habits* is a combination of universal, timeless principles of personal and interpersonal effectiveness, such as responsibility, integrity, teamwork, goal setting and collaboration. It focuses on the timeless skills needed for both academic and personal success. We are enthusiastic about creating a school where safety, respect, accountability, leadership, support and excellence are highly evident!

As the Principal, please know that you can count on me to put safety first, to be present in classrooms, observing teaching and learning. Therefore, I may not be immediately available in the office when you visit or call, but I will always contact you within 24 hours. If there is an immediate need, please inform the office and they will notify me.

I welcome you and invite you to involve yourself in our school through the various opportunities. I am fortunate to be the Principal of Erving and part of a wonderful community. It is my belief that our parents and community are our partners in the educational process of each child. Please feel free to share your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions. I look forward to what I anticipate to be another great year at Erving.

Sincerely,

Caterina Berry

Our Mission *** *Learn, Grow, and Lead Together!*

Our Vision *** *Empowering Responsible Leaders!*