It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year! I am Carolyn Johnston, the proud principal of Quidnessett Elementary. It is an honor and privilege to serve your children and community. As principal, it is my mission to create a climate and culture where all students and staff feel appreciated and respected. Our district values, trust and integritywill set the foundation for all stakeholders to reach their maximum potential here at Quidnessett Elementary.

Quidnessett's staff is a community of educators who believe in teaching and supporting the whole child. Teachers collaborate regularly to determine the best way to teach each individual child and best meet the students' needs. Students are engaged in rigorous learning activities that help them master standards in all content areas. In addition to rigorous learning, teachers will provide daily social-emotional learning through a variety of resources such as Open Circle, Conscious Discipline and Second Step. Our Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) program continues to grow and we strive to ensure all students practice *Safe*, *Respectful*, and *Responsible* behaviors in all areas of the school.

I believe that by partnering together with families and the community we can support students in reaching their maximum potential. We look forward to continuing to offer opportunities for families to be involved in our school community. We are stronger together. Let us work to make Quidnessett the best school it can be.

The Quidnessett staff is looking forward to another great year!

As always, we value your input, and my door is always open. Please do not hesitate to contact me via email at carolyn_johnston@nksd.net or schedule an appointment to discuss any ideas you may have that could make this year the best year yet!