

From our mailbox

School year is successful

To the Editor:

The faculty of Driver Middle School would like to let the community-at-large know that our school community has begun very successfully under new leadership this fall. We are pleased to work under the guidance of Principal Joanne Downes and Assistant Principal Patrick Collier. We are pleased that the district has reinstated a permanent assistant principal position. Both Joanne and Pat have been faced with a myriad of new situations and have hit the ground running!

It has been obvious to those of us here on a daily basis, and probably to visitors as well, that we have returned to a new building. Joanne and Pat quickly moved to create a particular understanding with both the adults and the children in the building. They have let us know that it is a place for work and/or growth, both the students' and ours. It is a place for respect - for those in authority and for those under it,

for the materials we use, for the building we inhabit, and for ourselves. It is a place of security - an atmosphere will prevail whereby we can all be confident that the conditions needed to teach and learn will exist. In short, it is a place we can be proud of.

They make a fine team. They share the same concerns, the same basic understandings. They are visible in the halls, the lunch room, the classrooms. They are people we can feel free to talk to about our concerns; they can be counted on to listen and to offer sound advice.

We look forward to a year of new challenges. We look ahead to all the times the young lives in our keeping will count on us for guidance. Together we can and will accomplish much. We heartily welcome Joanne and Pat into the Marcellus family.

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