



# Roosevelt Elementary School

Home of the Roughriders



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Greetings Roosevelt Families:

My name is Joel Sauter and I'm very excited to have joined the staff at Roosevelt as the new Principal. I'm very passionate about education and I look forward to partnering with you to provide our students with a rigorous, engaging, and high quality school experience. As the parent of two grown sons, ages 20 and 23, I know the importance of a strong home-school connection. Parents are every child's first teacher and I believe that by working together, we can make sure your child's social, emotional, and academic needs are met.

Before moving to Klamath Falls and joining the Roughrider family I served in a variety of roles in education over the last 29 years. Some of the roles I have held include Special Education Paraprofessional, Technology Coordinator, 4/5 Elementary Teacher, Middle School Science Teacher, District Behavior Support Specialist and most recently Dean of Students at Sunrise Elementary School in Albany, OR. My academic background includes a Bachelor of Science in Business, and a Master of Arts in Teaching, both from Concordia University in Portland. I then obtained my Initial Administrators License from Portland State University. I believe that my varied roles in education will bring new enthusiasm, and ideas, to improve on the already amazing things happening at Roosevelt.

This year we have a few changes to our staff. Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Mrs. Chamberland who has been team teaching with Mrs. Laitinen for several years. However, we are pleased to announce that Mrs. Laitinen has decided to teach full time this year so we welcome her to her new role as a full time 5th grade teacher. Mrs. Beard will be team teaching 2nd grade with Mrs. Leary this year, which we know will be an exciting opportunity for them. Finally, we are welcoming Mrs. Harwood to our music team. Mrs. Harwood will be here Tuesday and Friday to provide music instruction to our Kindergarten through second grade students. When you see them, please welcome these amazing educators to our Roosevelt family.

If you have driven by the school, or taken the time to come play on the playground, you may have noticed that the final pieces of the playground improvements were completed. Striping for the track lanes, hopscotch, basketball courts and four square were completed the end of July. The results are amazing! Again thank you to the PTO for heading up this project and providing this incredible facility for our students and our neighborhood.

This year we will continue with the pickup and drop off routines that were implemented March 28, 2017. Remember that pick-up and drop-off will be on Leroy Street and Busses will drop-off and pick-up on Fremont. Those streets will continue to be one way streets from 8:00am-8:30am Monday through Friday and 3:00pm-3:30 pm Mon, Tue, Th, Fri. Wednesday the streets will be one way from 2:00pm-2:30 pm. Remember when dropping off and picking up in cars parents must stay in the vehicles and pull forward. If you wish to park, the black top in back is available or you may park on designated side streets. Also, please note that there is no student supervision outside until 8:15. Students that eat breakfast may enter through the front doors at 8:10 and go directly to the cafeteria. All other students are asked to line up in back, on the blacktop, starting at 8:15.

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Joel Sauter, Principal

Melinda Pollock, Office Manager

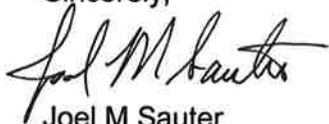
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As always a great deal of time, effort and thought has gone into the process of student placement for the 2017-2018 school year. Careful consideration was given to input from staff and families as well as student learning styles. Classrooms have been balanced academically and socially. Our class lists are structured to provide equitable class sizes at each grade level. Moving students is difficult without causing imbalances and inequities.

Thank you so much for being positive with your child and helping him or her understand that it is impossible to place all students with a preferred best friend or teacher. ALL of our staff works hard to make school a positive experience for ALL students. Thank you for understanding that it can take a few weeks for a child to acclimate to a new grade, peer group and teacher.

Finally, thank you to all who have helped to prepare for the new school year. Your commitment to ensuring that Roosevelt remains a celebrated and successful school is awe-inspiring. I am honored to be here as your principal and I am looking forward to greeting all the students and families as we begin this upcoming school year. Together, I know we will make this school year one of growth and achievement for all children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joel M Sauter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "M".

Joel M Sauter  
Principal  
Roosevelt Elementary