

## Kernan Elementary

929 York Street

Utica, New York 13502

### Vision

Our vision is to track our progress, become lifelong learners, and celebrate success by accomplishing our goals one paw print at a time!

### Mission

Kernan Elementary School will provide a quality education for a diverse student population in a peaceful and positive working environment. Students will continue to use their reasoning, literacy, mathematical, and technical skills to become lifelong learners and productive members of society.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- September 6—Kindergarten Orientation
- September 6 - First Day of School

### Message from Mr. Timpano:

Hello! I am very excited to be back as my first full year as principal at Kernan Elementary. I look forward to building relationships with students and families this school year.

The summer flew by fast. A lot of planning took place over the summer to ensure a smooth return for students, and we are looking forward to a GREAT year! On the backside of this letter, you will find the September calendar.

For September, we will be focusing on SELF-DISCIPLINE as a character trait of great students and responsible citizens. Self Discipline is a trait that students will use not only in school, but the rest of their lives. It is the ability to control emotions and make the right decisions even when they are in difficult situations. At the end of the month, each teacher chooses a student who demonstrates the character trait of that month and we celebrate the students at an assembly. Ask your child about our PBIS character traits throughout the year.

Thank you for sending your child to Kernan. We are ready for another AMAZING year! I look forward to seeing you at our school events.



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