Westshire Principal’s Report to RISD Board for September 2019:

As you might imagine, this month has flown by with the focus on being up and running for staff in-service, and, then, day one of school. I have found that there are a seasoned group of dedicated staff willing to be of service and of great value in creating some consistency at WES. Many thanks to the board, District Office staff, and other school personnel who have gone above and beyond to support our school!

The school year has begun smoothly with many staff and parents expressing positive thoughts and reflections about the staff in-service and first week of school.

We have a number of new staff to our building including: Kaitlyn Townsend (3rd and 4th grade), Noah Pierpont (2nd grade), Maggie Stoudnour (student teaching Kindergarten), John Mace (learning coach), Debora Herrera (Special Educator), Kristina Claflin (PE), Sabrina Farnham (preschool), Sarah Molesworth (.2FTE preschool), Karen Ward (administrative assistant). We have also been very fortunate to have Mike Stever substituting for over two weeks, as we are in the middle of administrative assistants.

In August, we have had resignation letters from Amanda Perry (Admin. Assist.), and Elizabeth ODonnell (Preschool classroom assistant).

**Preschool Updates:** We were not able to find a long-term substitute teacher for the Preschool maternity leave that goes through January. As a result, we made the decision not to offer 5 days a week to new 3-year-old preschoolers. We are still looking to hire another person.