

I welcome you and your child to Stoddert Health and Physical Education 2017-18. Physical Education at Stoddert is based on the SPARK curriculum model. SPARK emphasizes teamwork, skill acquisition, and effort over competition. Students will engage in many activities throughout the year that will allow them to develop important lifelong skills. A highlight of the older students' curriculum (grades 4-5) will be our NASP archery program. Archery was introduced at Stoddert in 2014-15 and created a large amount of excitement. Another highlight that the entire school will participate in will be our First Tee Golf unit.

Stoddert Elementary with the help of our PTO will apply for the \$10,000 PAY grant, which will be used to purchase new equipment and provide unique opportunities such as funding our 5th grade Dancing in the Classrooms unit. We have received the PAY grant for the last two years. Over the past two years we have used \$20,000 to fund six different field trips including Biking in the Park. These funds are specifically designated to help improve and increase our student's access to high quality physical activity.

I look forward to working with both students and their parents to have a great year of physical education at Stoddert Elementary. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Mitchell Wagner