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*Together We Are Inspiring Life-Long Learners*

## SEPTEMBER, 2020 Superintendent's Corner

The School year has started! We are excited for new horizons. We have started in a remote learning model like the rest of Snohomish County districts. We are eager to have our students back on campus, but only when it is safe to do so. The school board will evaluate the County Health Department recommendations each month and review the COVID-19 numbers. We have created a "Re-Opening Plan" for when we return that ensures good social distancing and safe health procedures.

Our projects from the remodeling grants from the state will be completed by the end of September. We will hopefully open the playground for school and community on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We are excited about the facelift and hope that you are as well.

Teachers are working hard to support each of their students in this distance learning process. This is new for students and it is new for our staff as well. We are using the Google system (Google docs, Google Teams, Screen Castify, and Google Classroom). Each student was provided a Chromebook to use at home during this time. We are working daily to meet the learning standards for academics. We believe that meeting social and emotional needs are just as critical for children. Our goal is to help each of our students become critical thinkers and caring people.

Our theme for this school year is "It is All About Connections". We want to be excellent in our communication with both students and families. Our Faculty and Families will be having a Zoom Conference next week as a way to connect and discuss critical topics for the start of this new school year.

Trusting all of you are finding ways to maintain connections with people in your neighborhoods and the community. We will continue to support The Sky Valley Food Bank at our school campus as long as we are in the distance learning mode. It is all about caring for others and being good communicators.

Have a wonderful month as we enjoy the fall colors and the wonderful people of this community.

Brad