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**Together We Are Inspiring Life-Long Learners**

## Superintendent's Corner

[March 8th, 2021]

As of March 8th, we are now having all our students here at Index School "in-person" through a hybrid schedule. We are excited to have our students back at the school in the mornings after a year of remote learning (*In a hybrid model- students are working remotely when not in-person at school*)!!

We recognize the challenges and difficulties this pandemic has created for everyone. **It is so good to see the bright and shiny faces ☺ of each student!!** Being together in the learning process is so much better. Thanks to all of you for your patience and support of your child during this past year. We continue to follow our safety guidelines so everyone can stay healthy. Thanks for your continued efforts to follow the steps set out by the Snohomish County Health Department. Your actions are making a difference.

I am including activities for this month to place on your calendar. One of our main items are **Parent Conferences that take place March 17th -19th**. The teachers will be sending out your scheduled time to meet up here at the school. This means that we will have modified days on Wednesday (We are working remotely this day) Thursday (Morning students only on this day) and Friday (Our PM students will come in the morning and AM students will not be here on that day). Here are some of the **other Calendar items in March:**

Date	Activity
March 8th	In-Person learning for all K-8 students Begins
March 14th	Daylight Saving Begins (Move clocks forward)
March 17th	Saint Patrick's Day
March 17-19	Parent Conferences/End of Trimester (if students are coming with you to the conference- they need to be in the classroom with you)
March/April	Possible State Testing (Grades 3-8): <i>SBA still to be determined</i>
April 5-9	Spring Break ( <i>Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>- Early Release @ 11:30 AM</i> )

## **New Pilot Mentor Program to start in April!!**

**We are piloting a Student Mentoring program this spring. We believe that every child could use an additional mentor in their life. The role of our mentors is to listen, encourage and support students. During this pandemic, many people (children and adults) have encountered stress and challenges. We will start our pilot with only three or four mentors. Each mentor will commit one hour each week for the remainder of the year to work with one student. This would only take place if both the parents and the student would like to be involved in this voluntary mentor program. We will be providing more information at conferences if you are interested in signing up. The program will last from April until the end of the school year. All mentors have had their state background checks completed and are employed by Index School District. Contact the office if you are interested in getting involved in this pilot program.**

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