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Together We Are Inspiring Life-Long Learners
Superintendent's Corner
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SCHOOL IS OPEN AGAIN!!

We are starting our second week of the 2021-22 school year! It is so good to have everyone back at school "In-Person." We have worked hard to follow the guidelines from the state and county health department. We are fortunate in that it is easier in a small school system to make adjustments for keeping everyone safe. Here are some of the steps we have taken:

- Adding more air filters throughout the building and reducing the time between filter replacements in our HVAC system.
- Maintaining good safety habits (*Everyone wearing masks in the building, good hand washing practices, 3- foot distance between students in classrooms, additional lunch-times for smaller groupings*).
- On-site COVID-19 testing available with results available in 15 minutes.
- Additional time for our nurse to be available for students and staff.

NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR SCHOOL:

- We were recently approved to provide testing for students, staff and the greater Index community. The state has approved us for a grant to have our nurse (Lynne Kelly RN) perform testing at our school so people can receive quick feedback for COVID-19 testing. You may have noticed the white tent in the back of the school (*We will be posting hours for community testing in the near future- so folks can come here instead of going down the valley*). Thanks to some local donors who have helped in the purchase of this tent!
- We have added a part-time teaching position to give more electives for students (*Electives include: American Sign Language, Outdoor Skills and Outdoor Activities*). This position was also designed to support recovery learning for students needing extra learning support.
- We have added new STEM science curriculum (Amplify) to our classes this year. We have also purchased new K-3 literacy curriculum to support our students in recovering from impacts from COVID-19 (Houghton-Mifflin Journeys).

THEME FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR:

We recognize the importance of giving students the strategies and skills necessary for taking charge of their learning. We want our students to be fully capable of being strong problem-solvers (both academically and socially). We also want our school community to be focused on helping others. Our theme for this school year:

WE ARE INSTRUMENTS OF INSPIRATION!!