

April 20, 2020

Arrowhead Community,

I write this from my kitchen counter, my new “office.” There are many things to be grateful for, but one thing keeping me going is the huge trampoline in my neighbors’ backyard. From my kitchen workspace I can hear the boys next door jumping, playing, shrieking, fighting and laughing. The sound of children is one of the biggest blessings of my professional life. Eating lunch with students in their classrooms (“This person is gone today, Ms. Bailey, so you can sit here!”), seeing the beauty of children at recess and the phenomenal power of talented educators in their element are things that bring joy and meaning to my life. I miss them. I never took them for granted, not even for a second, but I know when we return to school and I am surrounded by the things I love so much being an educator will feel different – more “amazing.” That’s not a word, but it fits the feeling.

My grandparents grew up very poor, descended from farmers and ranchers and railroad workers. They were people of few complaints and high expectations for themselves and their loved ones. Three of my four grandparents were educators – my grandfather was also, “Principal Bailey.” My other grandfather worked for the post office. My grandparents have been on my mind, given they lived through the depression and the second world war. I understand some of their quirks better now. My grandmother always said, “Do the best you can with what you have.” I think of that now as I see Arrowhead’s powerful staff tackling and working to master an entirely new and unfamiliar way of teaching, building community, and connecting to students. I think of it when I hear from parents who are navigating at-home instruction, a work environment that is different or perhaps unstable, or taking care of a sick loved one. Everyone, it seems, is trying to ensure the safety of the now and strategize for a safe next move, like a chess game where the stakes are too high for chance. We are doing the best we can with what we have.

And what do we have? We have each other. We have a strong PTA that’s already thinking about rebuilding community as soon as we can. We have incredible educators who are learning as quickly as they can and teaching the now while they plan for next year. We have district leadership whose highest priority is the safety and well being of its people, and who work collaboratively and creatively to make sure the human needs – safety, security, joy – are not second fiddle to test scores. We have all we need to not only get through this strange and scary time but to take advantage of this opportunity to examine

our former practices, assess them, and do a better job of serving children and families in the future. How lucky we are.

Please join the PTA if you haven't already. You will stay connected to upcoming events and it will weave our community closer together for the work ahead of us.

As always, let me or your child's teacher know if you need anything or know of a family in need. We have resources, and we are in this together.

I am grateful for you.

Kristin

Upcoming Events

- **Monday, May 25th:** MEMORIAL DAY-NO SCHOOL
- **Monday, June 22nd:** Last day of school
- **Wednesday, Sept 2nd:** First day of school
- **Monday, Sept 7th:** LABOR DAY-NO SCHOOL
- **Tuesday, Sept 8th:** Staggered Kindergarten first day
- **Wednesday, Sept 9th:** Staggered Kindergarten first day

[View Our Calendar](#)

Parent Input Form for Class Placement

The goal of a careful and thoughtful placement process is to provide all students with an equal opportunity for a positive and strong educational experience. In determining placement we consider what we know about individual students, student groups that work well together, parent input, and

issues of classroom balance. Our paramount duty during the placement process is to create well-balanced classrooms that work for all students.

Your input is an important aspect of the placement process. If you would like us to consider input you are able to provide, please submit [this form](#) by Monday, May 4, 2020.

Please keep in mind that this form is not for requesting a particular teacher or requesting your child be placed with friends.

2020-2021

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration began in February. All registration is on-line this year. If you have a child to enroll for the 2020-2021 school year, click [here](#). Please encourage any families you know of that may have a 2020-2021 kindergarten student to enroll as soon as possible!

Please contact the Arrowhead Office by emailing the Office Manager, Jo Wild - jwild@nsd.org if you have any questions.

New Student Enrollment

Families who are new to the District and are enrolling students for the 2020-2021 school year can also utilize this on-line process.

Enrolling your student early in the year helps our school plan for incoming students and ensure we meet our staffing needs. Please share this message with your neighbors.

Moving?

If you are moving to another school next year, please let our school office know so that we can plan for classroom sizes and staffing. Please email the Office Manager, Jo Wild - jwild@nsd.org.

Note from the Nurse

I trust this newsletter finds our students, families and staff taking care of yourselves, your families and friends by staying home, healthy, and safe. While school is not in session, I am still working from home and am available for questions or concerns via email. Feel free to reach out and contact me during (what used to be) school hours. I have listed many resources below that might be helpful.

Medication Pick-up and new forms for next year:

- A district wide procedure is currently being developed for safe pickup of medications. Unless you have an urgent need or shortage of a needed medication at home, please wait for more information regarding this.
- New medication authorization forms are required every school year, you will receive your packet of information and new forms closer to the end of the school year. This may come via email... procedure is yet to be determined.

New NSD Community Assistance Web Page:

During the COVID-19 outbreak, our community has come together to provide assistance to families in need. The following organizations are ready to help with food, housing, healthcare and more. [click here](#)

Additional Information:

The Washington State Department of Health has established a call center to address questions from the public. If you have questions about what is happening in Washington, how the virus is spread, and what to do if you have symptoms, you may call 1-800-525-0127 and press #.

Alternative sources of COVID-19 information and community resource lists are on the NSD website. [click here](#)

Northshore Meals for kids: [click here](#)

Health Resources: [click here](#)

Community Assistance: [click here](#)

Northshore Learns: [click here](#)

Childcare Support: [click here](#)

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2020-21 School Calendar

For our district, this has been quite a year. And with a community like ours, we continue to meet every challenge thoughtfully, creatively, and with an eye toward the future. Such is the case with planning for the 2020-21 school year. We worked collaboratively with NSEA on a calendar that considered the needs of our families and staff. So, barring any unusual circumstances ; >), this is the [calendar](#) for the 2020-21 school year. Of course, if any unusual circumstances do arise, we will be ready because We are Northshore! Together, all things are possible...

Device Distribution

All device distribution is now being facilitated out of the Support Services Center. All distribution is appointment-based, allowing the technology team to control the number of people entering the building and ensure safe interactions for families and staff. Please review the processes below:

Student/Family Device/Hotspot Requests: Families, please contact the Student Technology Support Line at [425-408-7669](tel:425-408-7669). Technology staff will make an appointment for you to pick up a device.

Student Device/Hotspot Damage or Lost: Any damage or lost device should be reported to the Student Technology Support line at [425-408-7669](tel:425-408-7669). Technology staff will support families in obtaining a replacement device via an appointment at the Support Services Center.

What's Happening in Champions?!

Hello Champions Families!

We are so excited to share details of our current pop-up care that Northshore and Champions have teamed up to provide for our families in the area. Below you will find two links - the first is a video made by a sister site out of Oregon, showcasing some of the processes and procedures we have put in place to ensure children in our program and their families are kept safe and healthy during this time. The second is the link you will use to register your child for care for the next few weeks.

Click the link below to see how we are taking great care of our kids and staff.
[Welcome to Champions](#)

With schools officially closed until Fall, now is the time to reserve your spot for full-day care. We have spots open at both our locations and financial assistance available for those who are concerned of cost.

If your need for care is just a day or 2 a week, or all 5...
Champions has you covered!

[Register Here](#)

*Once registration is submitted, all updates must be done through email to **mlarsen@discoverchampions.com**.