Cottage Lake Families,

Welcome back to school! I hope you were able to take some time this past week for your family to rest, have some fun, recharge and assist your student in focusing on the next stretch of the school year. Whether you stayed close to home or traveled away, I hope you created memories with your student(s). I am really looking forward to seeing everyone tomorrow!

Tomorrow marks the beginning of Public Schools Week (February 24-28). [www.publicschoolsproud.org] I appreciate every day how our schools open our doors and welcome every child and family, regardless of ability, race, wealth, language, or country of origin. This is an important time for us to speak and support public education. Feel free to reach and share what we are doing well at Cottage Lake, but also, what we could improve on. Your feedback is appreciated!

As we get ready to take on the next six weeks of teaching and learning, I wanted to take this opportunity to share an update on our building goals. We have two goals this year: one focusing on Social-Emotional regulation and one for Informational writing growth. In a recent presentation to the Superintendent and our East Region Assistant Superintendent, I shared…

- **Between September 2019 and May 2020**, students identified in the fall exhibiting at-risk levels of internal or external behaviors among Kindergarten through fifth grade, will show a reduction in their problematic rating by at least one level, as measured by the BEISY administration, discipline referrals, and data collection from staff.
  - 42 students were identified as At-Risk in the fall
    - 18 students decreased their overall score in externalizing behaviors; 49% decrease
    - 11 students decreased their overall score in internalizing behaviors; 79% decrease
  - 30 Male, 12 Female

- **September 2019 and June 2020**, at least 80% of Kindergarten-5th grade students at Cottage Lake who are performing at grade level will make at least one year’s growth and students performing below grade level will make more than one year’s growth in informational writing, focusing on the Development writing strand [elaboration and craft], as measured by standards-based Writing Rubrics (Development Strand), standards-based content rubrics, student work, on-demand writing prompts, SBA results, and/or IEP developmental goals.
  - Based on our Winter (January) on-demand writing samples for informational text, our students are currently performing in the following ways.
    - Elaboration
      - Level 1: 54
      - Level 2: 148
      - Level 3: 54
      - Level 4: 21
    - Craft
● Level 1: 70
● Level 2: 144
● Level 3: 49
● Level 4: 14

○ We use the Units of Study rubrics for Informational writing and those are based off of year-end standards. As you can see, we have students moving in the desired direction... towards grade-level standard. This is great! I will be looking at individual growth for students as we move to the end of the school year.

○ We welcome your support in this work!! At home, you can assist us by encouraging your student to be writing. We are looking at what students are writing and how they are writing it. This focuses on the depth of student’s writing. Your classroom teacher can share with you specific look-fors in writing.

I appreciate your commitment to our school and our students. As noted above, we have work we are focused on improving and I’d like to remind each of you about the importance of attendance. We have six weeks between tomorrow and Spring break. This is an incredible time for teaching and learning and every moment counts. Supporting on-time arrival and staying all-day helps to create habits that last a lifetime. I’d love each student at school every day!

Thank you for sharing your student(s) with us at Cottage Lake!
Take Care,
Jennifer Welch, Principal

**UPCOMING TWO WEEKS AT A GLANCE:**

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<td>Friday, March 6</td>
<td>● 5th Grade students visit Timbercrest Middle School, 10:00 AM-12:30 PM</td>
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**Additional Dates of Note:**

- March 9-14 - Missoula Children’s Theater is at CL for our school play: Cinderella
- March 10 - Timbercrest Parent Information Night, 6:00-8:15 PM
- March 10 - PTA Meeting in the Library, 7:00-8:00 PM
- March 13 - Dr. Reid visit’s Cottage Lake for our Breakfast Club
- March 14 - Two performances for our school play...2:00 PM & 4:30 PM
- March 17 - 5th Grade field trip to Olympia
- March 18 - 2020-2021 Kindergarten parent tour for new families to Cottage Lake. (This is aimed for adults.) 10:00-11:00 AM
- March 24 - Northshore Schools Foundation Breakfast and Luncheon
- March 24 - PTA’s Science Fair
- April 6-10 - **NO SCHOOL** - Spring Break
- April 14 - Camp Cedar Springs parent meeting (5th Grade families) @ Cottage Lake Gym, 5:30 PM
- April 14 - PTA meeting in the Library, 7:00-8:00 PM
- April 20 - 2020-2021 Kindergarten parent tour for new families to Cottage Lake. (This is aimed for adults.) 4:30-5:30 PM
- April 21 - Class and Group pictures
- April 25 - PTA’s School Auction @ 20 Corners Brewery
- April 29-May 1 - 5th Grade at Camp Cedar Springs
- May 12 - PTA meeting in the Library, 7:00-8:00 PM
- May 25 - **NO SCHOOL** - Memorial Day
- June 5 - PTA Follies (talent show) program
- June 8 - 1st grade to Edmonds beach, 11:15 AM-3:15 PM
- June 8 - 2020-2021 Kindergarten Open House, 5:00-6:00 PM
- June 8 - PTA meeting in the Library, 7:00-8:00 PM
- June 17 - 5th grade party @ Perrigo Park
- June 18 - 5th grade promotion, 2:30-4:00 PM
- June 19 - Field Day, 9:30-11:30 AM
- June 22 - Last Day of School

TIMBERCREST PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT:
To families of current 5th grade students:

Save the dates! Timbercrest will be hosting a Middle School Preview Night for parents/guardians of current 5th grade students on Tuesday, March 10. 6:00 PM - 8:15 PM.

Our purpose is to introduce you to middle school at Timbercrest. The evening will include a welcoming address by Kristi Hannigan, TMS principal; and 4 different sessions with information to familiarize you with the changes that will take place as your student moves from elementary to middle school. Our counselors will cover on-line course registration and counseling services, and administrators will present information about academics, athletics and activities. There will also be an AAP session and Special Education/504 session.

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**BC = Bear Creek  HH = Hollywood Hill  ER = East Ridge**  
**CL = Cottage Lake  SR = Sunrise  Others = All other schools**
2019-2020 UPDATED CALENDAR:
Dr. Reid included our updated 2019-2020 school calendar in her Thursday Thoughts on February 13. Her message included, “When the school calendar was negotiated for 2019-20, NSEA and the District agreed to make up school cancellations on Friday, May 22 (our built in snow day) and at the end of the negotiated school calendar, on Friday, June 19 and Monday, June 22. We’ve worked collaboratively with NSEA to confirm our mutual understanding that the **last day of school will now be June 22** and the teacher grading day will move to June 23. We’ve made all the modifications to the school calendar and cleared it for distribution.”

REPEAT...UPDATED NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION:
Beginning February 3, Northshore has moved to an online enrollment process for the 2020-2021 school year. Families who are new to the district and are enrolling for the 2020-2021 school year, and those enrolling a student for Kindergarten can utilize this process.

To assist in the new enrollment process and provide a resource to our community, we have placed a desktop computer in our lobby that can be used by our community members free of charge.

Below are additional details that will be helpful as we prepare for launch.

- The launch on February 3 is for **new students only**. This includes Kindergartners and new students in other grades joining Northshore during the 2020-2021 school year.
- The link is: [www.nsd.org/enrollment](http://www.nsd.org/enrollment)
- The District is moving to online as the primary method of enrolling to increase convenience, efficiency, and equity. It is our goal to have all new enrollments completed online. However, if you are unable to register online, we will provide you with paper enrollment forms.
- The online enrollment module is part of ParentVUE, so families will have the benefit of choosing their preferred language in the presentation of the prompts and data gathering. However, any text responses in this tool need to be in English.
- Online enrollment will allow families to scan and upload copies of a variety of documents, including birth certificates, documents showing proof of residency, and immunization records. Synergy’s data privacy policies are vetted and secure, so there should be no concern about loss of sensitive data. However, parents may bring in documentation if preferred.

A NOTE FROM THE PTA:

There are some great opportunities to be a part of the CLE PTA in the 2020-2021 school year. The following board positions will be open: 1 Co-President, 2 Treasurer VPs, 1
Fundraising VP, 1 Communications VP and 1 Secretary. Each position is held for a 2-year term. Please email Buffy Anson with any questions: buffyanson@yahoo.com

**JOINING THE PTA:**

Be a part of the Cottage Lake Community by being a part of the PTA! Research shows that children perform better when parents are involved both at home and in school. By becoming part of Cottage Lake PTA, not only are you showing your child the importance of education, but you'll also be part of the solution in helping to make positive changes at our school!

It's easy to get involved in the PTA:

- Sign Up for Membership by visiting us online at [www.CottageLakePTA.org](http://www.CottageLakePTA.org)
- Like & Follow Us on Facebook @Cottage Lake Elementary PTA (and yes, it does show a Tacoma location, but this is our PTA page) so you stay up-to-date all things PTA!