Dear Cottage Lake Families,

We are here on another Sunday evening, preparing for another great week of learning. Our teachers have been hard at work preparing lessons and videos for our students and I thank them for all they are doing! In the next few days, I will be sending out Principal Office Hours invites for parents at individual grade levels. These are intended for you, as parents, if you had questions for me. I do not have a planned agenda to cover, rather I want to be there for you. Be on the lookout for this invite. Please know these are not mandatory in any way. This is an offer.

In an exciting update, Kelsey Hanning welcomed her baby girl on April 23. Baby Bella is doing well, as are mom and husband. Welcome to the Sailor family, Isaella!

Take a look below for a few new content items and a return of a few repeats. We sure miss you all!!

**WE MISS YOU!**
Our Sailor staff came together to [put together this video](#) to share with our students and families how much we miss everyone! Please feel free to share this with your child(ren). This is made with love. <3

**NATIONAL FIELD DAY, MAY 8:**
Although we won't be having our traditional end of year field day, there is a National Field Day event being held on Friday, May 8th. I have a page about it on the [Cottage Lake PE website](#) but wanted to let you all know so you can help spread the word. If you added me to your google classroom I plan to go in and post the documents in the PE section. I've also attached the documents so you can disperse them to families if you feel another way is appropriate. I've registered Cottage Lake so families don't need to register students unless they choose to do so. I will post resources and materials as they are released. This is entirely optional and has never been done before so it should be interesting and fun! Although the event is taking place on May 8th, the activities and resources will be available until the end of August. Thank you for your support and let me know if you have any questions!

**REPEAT...PARENT INPUT FORM FOR CLASS PLACEMENT CONSIDERATION:**
Each year, we create a class input form, but this year it is digital, like the rest of our world. This form is similar for students at Bear Creek, Cottage Lake, East Ridge, and
Sunrise. We met earlier this year and aligned the form and decided to create one that we could all use for our families.

Please visit this embedded Google form link to complete the 2020-2021 OPTIONAL Parent Input form. Please know this form is NOT kept confidential and WILL be shared with classroom teachers as they work on placement for next year in the following grade. We do NOT take into consideration specific teacher requests. Specific teacher requests will be discarded. Lastly, there is always a possibility we might have a split/multi age class. This is especially due to being a small school. Grade levels parents will not be contacted directly if we need to create a split/multi-age classroom. Please add your comments for your student within the link above.

For families joining us from Bear Creek, teachers from Bear Creek will be assisting in class placements for next year, as well. Whenever possible, I will try to pair students with other good student connections also joining us from Bear Creek. Please contact Jen Welch, Principal (jwelch@nsd.org) with specific questions.

REPEAT...NORTHSHORE LEARNS 2.0…. RELAUNCH:
This link will take you to the official Northshore Learns 2.0 website. [https://www.nsd.org/covid19/northshore-learns] Moving forward, we have 9 weeks of learning ahead of us. To maximize this learning, it is important to set expectations for all students during this distance learning. Attached to this email, you will find a S.A.I.L. matrix that you can review with your students. If students are violating the expectations, staff will reach out to them and talk about the decisions they are making. I will also be notified. If the behavior continues, I will reach out to the student, along with you, to talk about the behaviors and how we can resolve them. I thank you for your support and review of the matrix.

As I just mentioned, staff have been working together to identify the key standards at each grade level, in Reading, Math, and Writing. We are also looking at ways of incorporating Social Studies and Science, as well. Our specialist teachers have also been reviewing their own standards and planning for instruction from there. I am excited about this upcoming learning.

Please know I recognize the challenges, as well. You at home have shifted to a huge level of support for your students, while also balancing your work demands and household demands, as well. You are caring for social-emotional needs, you may be supporting extended family, and you might also be supporting through sicknesses.
THANK YOU! You are also our Heroes! Thank you for the support of our distance learning and providing grace as teachers improve this practice over the next several weeks.

The outline of our work will look much the same to the week right before break. Teachers will be delivering content/standards instruction on M/W/F in the morning. There is a 90 minute block of time, yet, that is not intended to be an entire block of direct instruction. Teachers may chunk that time with students and also provide independent tasks during this time, as well. We have gained clarity over break that teachers can also reach out M/F afternoons, between 1:00-2:30, and Wednesday afternoons between 1:00-1:40, to check in with students or small groups. This is also an Office Hours time where you can reach out to staff, as well. Our specialist teachers will continue to post content and lessons for students to review on their designated specialist days. (Monday = Library; Wednesday = Music; and Friday = PE)

REPEAT...ZOOM SAFETY:
Your child’s safety is always a priority for us, even in this distance learning environment. You have probably seen news stories about security concerns with Zoom. Our district has been working diligently to protect our students and staff. Here is some additional information:

- Northshore School District is using the "edu" version of Zoom. Compared to the regular version, the "edu" version has more security safeguards and tighter controls around user privacy and how data can be used.
- All NSD staff have been directed to update our Zoom software, which includes new security patches.
- All school Zoom meetings will now use the "waiting room" feature. This gives teachers control of who gets admitted to their Zoom meetings, because they admit students one at a time.
- Teachers have received training on how to configure their settings so that only the teacher can "share their screen," how to remove participants and how to mute their video and/or audio.
- Cottage Lake teachers will be communicating zoom meeting IDs via secure methods (email or Google Classroom)
- Zoom has agreed to the Washington Student Data Privacy Agreement. By signing onto this agreement, they assert that they are following, and will continue to follow, all WA state and Federal student data privacy laws.
REPEAT...STUDENT ATTENDANCE IS CRITICAL:
Since this is the way school will operate for the rest of the school year, it is our expectation that students are online, as much as possible, in the morning during their academic instructional time and then engage in specialist time, as well. We highly encourage students to join the Zoom or Teams video opportunities, and submit work as staff have outlined. When students are present in class meetings, instruction and submit their work, we can provide feedback in a timely and effective manner.

Thank you all for your continued support as we completely shift our school model online. We will still be making phone calls to students and families and I ask that if you are in need of additional support, please reach out to me. I am here for each of you! Please don’t forget about the FREE lunch program available to anyone 18 years old and younger (enrolled in Northshore or not). You need to register the evening prior, but there are some great lunch options for your students. Remember, these are your tax dollars at work!

REPEAT...KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR:
I want to remind everyone we are still accepting Kindergarten registrations for this upcoming 2020-2021 school year. All registrations are online and can be accessed at www.nsd.org/enroll. If you know of anyone who will be five years old by August 31, please have them register soon for Kindergarten. Our Cottage Lake’s Kindergarten numbers are fairly low at this time and I am beginning to work on staffing our school with remarkable teachers for next year. Registrations matter. :)

Thank you, Cottage Lake community!! We are strong. We are committed. We are together. I miss you all SO.VERY.MUCH!! I can’t wait to see student’s faces beginning again tomorrow during video calls and when I also stop into small groups. Please reach out if I can be of support to you and your family.

PTA NOTES:
Our PTA is a critical partner to our work to support students and teachers. After our PTA meeting last week, here are some updates for you.

- Recognition awards - PTA has created an online form to gather submissions for our Golden Sailboat (staff award) and Golden Acord (volunteer award) for this spring. Here is the link for the form. You can vote for a staff member and you can also submit a name for the volunteer award, as well. Submissions are due May
12. Please nominate members who have gone the extra mile this year to support you and our students!

- As we look forward to next year, we still have positions available on next year’s executive board. Positions that are vacant are: Co-President, Secretary, 2 Treasurer positions, and Fundraising. If you are interested in learning more about the positions, please contact Buffy Anson (buffyanson@yahoo.com).
- Rock the Night Away... or Rock the “week” Away.... with the Cottage Lake PTA Online Auction from May 9th to May 16th! This will be a fun event that all our CLE families and friends can participate in. We have lots of wonderful auction items from trips to Mexico, Hot Air Balloon Rides, camps for the kids, a weekend in Leavenworth, Desert Aire vacation home, and much more! Stay tuned for more details about live stream events and "Party In Place" fun for all.

In partnership,
Jennifer Welch, Principal