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## Hello NV Families!

Welcome back! Wednesday was a great day in the Valley as we got to welcome our students back to full-time in-person learning! I had such a great time traveling to all the schools yesterday and seeing the "smiling eyes" of our excited to be back children. Many of the younger students had no idea who I was but were always willing to say hi, give a fist bump, or ask me where they are supposed to go. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to help much there, but I did point them to a smiling, caring adult who was more than happy to get them going.

I want to thank you all for your support, kind words, and commitment to helping us open our doors safely on Wednesday. There were very few hiccups and teachers were teaching routines, creating warm, welcoming spaces, and creating a sense of belonging from the opening bell.

Our goal now is to keep our doors open. Regardless of our personal views, we all agree that safety is priority number one. If your children have any symptoms (sore throat, cough, fever) please take all precautions and keep them home. If there is a chance they were a close contact while outside of school, please contact Liza Diaz, our school nurse, to ensure they are clear to return to school. There are countless examples of schools across the country who have had to shut down for two weeks after only being open for a few days and we don't want to follow that pattern. Thank you in advance for your help!

Have a great Friday, and enjoy a safe, fun-filled Labor Day weekend.

With gratitude,

Matt Galley