

May 2021

Dear Families,

As I write this newsletter, the sun is shining, and I hear children outside laughing; it doesn't get much better than that! I hope this message finds you healthy and well. We are heading into the home stretch of the school year, and we're looking to finish strong – balancing hard work with celebrating our Shark's successes. The changes this year have been challenging, but the students have shown their resilience and have lifted us up throughout the year. Their positivity and excitement for learning brighten our days, and we're grateful we're able to spend the time together. This year also has required that our teachers adapt to many new ways of educating our students.

On behalf of the School Board, teachers, and staff, I would like to thank you and the Edmonds Community for passing the ESD Levy! We strive to provide a positive environment for our students to learn and grow. Your continued support makes this possible.

This first week of May we celebrated our awesome staff. It has been a challenging year for us collectively and we are excited to acknowledge the many SV staff that contributed in the heavy lifting and dedication to our important work. We THANK our teachers, Classified staff, school nurse, custodial staff, and kitchen staff, it truly takes a village to make our school what it is. Thank you for your kind messages and treats!

We are currently completing assessments, and we are striving to make the final stretch of the school year fun and even more engaging. Thank you to all students and caregivers for helping us through these assessments. Although challenging and 'not fun,' it is necessary for us educators to best tailor our teaching methods to the vast array of learners we have. We will be having an all-school Ocean Assembly on Wednesday via a Webinar format. Weather permitting, our classrooms are spending more time outside for learning opportunities and more experiential observational learning.

Thank you to each and every family who is completing our individualized Attestation each school day on campus. Our system has students in their classrooms or eating breakfast within minutes once they arrive on campus. Students who are walking to and from school should remain mindful of Safety Precautions including cars, crosswalks, strangers. If they feel at any time they are unsafe they can report to any adult on campus and we will support them. If something occurs off-campus, please let us know, but also contact our local police department. We appreciate our local police who add extra support to our school community before and after school for our Seaview students and families.

Finally, as we approach the last day of school on June 22 for B-cohort and June 24 A-Cohort, we are looking for safe ways to celebrate while following COVID guidelines. Our staff is exploring options for end-of-year celebrations, and we would like to commend our sixth-grade students and

wish them well as they head off to middle school. Stay tuned for more information as plans are developed.

Kind Regards,

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