

COUNSELOR CONNECTION

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“WE CAN DO HARD THINGS.” AND WE DID.

Thank you to bestselling author Glennon Doyle for one of the most referenced quotes of this past year. It turns out, we really can do hard things. This year was hard, but we made it! Happy almost summer from your IMS counseling team.

As a counseling team, we’ve spent some time recently reflecting on how far we have come since we were sent home last March. It’s been a year like we’ve never experienced before. We’ve zoomed into your homes, and your students have been given a glimpse into ours. Looking back now, we are proud of the work we’ve done to forge connections and find ways to offer our resources despite our circumstances. We are proud of our team for working so well together to create new and meaningful avenues to provide our counseling services. We are proud of our teachers (and support staff) for their ongoing creativity to find ways to engage our students and keep the instruction coming, in a variety of platforms. We are inspired by our Administration for leading the charge and doing so with such wisdom and compassion. We are proud of our community for their patience and trust in us as a school, to always do our best. Lastly, above all, we are proud of our students for their resilience, perseverance, grit and grace.

As we round out the year and look forward toward summer, and beyond, we hope you will all take a moment to reflect with your families on the significant lessons learned this year. No one could have predicted what we’ve all been through, and we are better and stronger because of all we have learned, personally and professionally. It’s been a wild ride, but there have surely been successes and improvements for how we will do things in the future.

With all of that said, we wish everyone a fun, relaxing and safe summer. While our team does not work all summer, we do occasionally check email. Feel free to reach out to us, and know that we will get back to you whenever we can. Enjoy the sunshine and a much deserved break from technology! See you in September!

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See page 2 for information related to free summertime activities and programs!

IMS SUMMER SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY

Summer school 2021 is an opportunity for any current 6th or 7th grade IMS students who are interested in building their skills and practicing reading, writing and/or math. The format will be three Schoology courses available to students, one for each area of study. The courses will be completely asynchronous and independent. Teachers have put together short learning opportunities, followed by practice prompts and ending with a way for students to check their work. These Schoology courses will go live on July 5th and will be available throughout the months of July and August. Parents will be sent an email in early July with more detailed information about how to access these courses. Information will also be posted on the IMS webpage.

OTHER SUMMER FUN OPTIONS

- ◆ **LIBRARY SUMMER READING** Residents of King County are invited to participate in the KCLS annual Summer Reading Program from June 1 to August 31. Participants ages 5 and up are invited to track minutes spent reading during the summer, with a 500-minute halfway goal and a 1,000-minute final goal. <https://kcls.org/summer/>
- ◆ **GET OUTSIDE** Looking for a great trail near Seattle, Washington? AllTrails has 85 great hiking trails, trail running trails, walking trails and more, with hand-curated trail maps and driving directions as well as detailed reviews and photos from hikers. <https://www.alltrails.com/us/washington/seattle>
- ◆ Maybe your kids want to try out **SKATEBOARDING** Here's a list of area skateboarding parks: <https://www.parentmap.com/article/rad-skate-parks-seattle-eastside>
- ◆ The Greater Seattle **BUREAU OF FEARLESS WRITING PROGRAM** is a non-profit group of youth and adults, staff and volunteers, families and local citizens who believe that the power of words, well-written and well-spoken, can open doors to important opportunities. The offer tutoring, writing, and publishing programs prepare young people, ages 6 to 18, for a successful future by developing strong writing skills, championing diverse communication styles, and motivating young people to share their stories. All programs are free: <http://fearlessideas.org/>

