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Welcome new Delta families!

On behalf of the Delta staff and community, I am happy to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year! We look forward to getting to know you and your student this year, and to a productive partnership as you join our school family.

I have just completed my first year as Principal of Delta and feel very fortunate to serve the students of Delta alongside an incredibly caring and committed staff. At Delta, our mission is to provide a small, personalized high school experience for a wide range of students from the Tri-Cities region where learning parallels how scientists, engineers, and mathematicians conduct inquiries, solve problems, and expand knowledge through carefully designed instruction which meets state, national, and college readiness standards. We immerse students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) experiences, which are deeply connected to students' learning in both English Language Arts and Social Studies.

An integrated learning experience is a hallmark of a Delta education, along with extensive learning partnerships that connect academic learning to the world beyond the classroom. We endeavor to provide our students with the preparation needed to succeed in post-secondary education, careers, and citizenship, no matter where their path might take them. This work is not easy, and it is common for students to experience some anxiety and struggle as they transition to our program of study. It is also normal for students to experience an adjustment period as they transition to high school, regardless of the high school attended. Please feel free to contact your student's advisor, our school counselor, our Assistant Principal, Mrs. Guaman or myself if you have any concerns. Your questions, ideas and positive comments are appreciated and expected. Communication is vital to students' success, and to our continued growth as a school.

We recognize that our students' success is the result of an investment from each of us. We ask you to support your Delta student in the following ways:

1. **Ensure your student attends school daily.** This includes arriving on time, ready to learn; students must be seated in class at 8:30 a.m. Please schedule non-emergency appointments outside the school day, whenever possible.
2. Support your student in studying 1-2 hours each evening, which may include reading for at least 30 minutes to improve literacy skills.
3. Encourage your student to share school experiences with you, and to advocate for her/himself if she/he needs additional support in any area.

Delta High School is a public school program supported by the Kennewick, Pasco, and Richland School Districts, Columbia Basin College, Washington State University Tri-Cities, Battelle – Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, the Washington State STEM Education Foundation, and the Tri-Cities community.

4. Share with your student your expectation for him/her to succeed in school and pursue post-high school learning opportunities.

We also invite you to get involved in our school community. Please mark your calendars for our school events. In addition, please consider volunteering to:

1. Chaperone field trips and/or academic competitions.
2. Serve as an after-school tutor.
3. Serve as an assistant advisor for a Delta student club.
4. Assist with student social events.
5. Become a part of the Parents of Delta Students (PoDS) group, which supports a variety of events. Meetings are generally held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. We post information on Remind, our school website and Facebook pages (“like” us), and in PoDS newsletters. Please also “like” the Parents of Delta Students page on Facebook to receive periodic updates.

Our first important date of the year is August 22nd —please bring your child to Delta between 8:15 am and 11:00 am to pick up their schedule, take their school picture and to check out their laptop! All Delta students will be issued a school-owned laptop for school use.

The first day of school is Tuesday, August 29th for our freshman. Our school calendar can be found online at www.thedeltahighschool.com. If you have any questions about the policies and/or expectations, please feel free to contact us. It is very important that you and your student are fully informed regarding our standards of appropriate behavior to ensure a safe and productive school year.

Again, we are excited to see you soon! Our entire staff is ready to welcome you on the first day of school. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing each of you at our **Delta Family Mixer on Friday, September 8th** more information to follow – we hope to see you there!

Respectfully,

K.C. Bennion
Principal

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