

PTS Rising!



Reconnecting Thoughts...PTS Rising!

- Who am I / Who we are
- Our Story...Hold on 😊
- Authentic connections and/or reconnections
- One step at a time...



- Where do we go from here...



Who I am...

Born and raised in the Rogue Valley, attended Westside Elementary, McLoughlin Jr. High, and South High grad in '89. I took a few stops at colleges/universities to really find the right fit. 😊 I found that fit at Linfield College and graduated in '96 with a Health Education degree. My wife, Sara, and I made stops at Crook County SD ('96-'97), Ore City SD ('97-'99) and then returned home to Medford SD ('99-'04) where she still teaches at NMHS. I boarded the Pirate ship in 2004. We have 2 amazing daughters (Alex 22, Lauren 19). I am in my 5th year as superintendent and 18th year in this district.

Calm, Clarity, Compassion and Courage



Who we are....PTS Rising!

Phoenix-Talent Schools is located in beautiful Southern Oregon. Our district hosts 2,200 students in three elementary's, one middle school and one high school. We are fortunate to have a diverse student body.

Almeda Fire: Over 2,400 homes burned to the ground, 700+ students immediately became homeless and many are still displaced throughout the region, state and nation. The focus for many years will be recovery, rebuild and our mantra is PTS Rising!

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Who our students are...PTS RISING!

One of the most diverse districts in Southern Oregon:

Hispanic/Latino = 45% Multi-Race = 7% Black/African American 1% American Indian/
Alaska Native = 1%

Economically Disadvantaged = 86%

SWD = 14.8%; EEL = 25%

MKV = ~12% pre-Sept 8, 2020....30%+ as of today

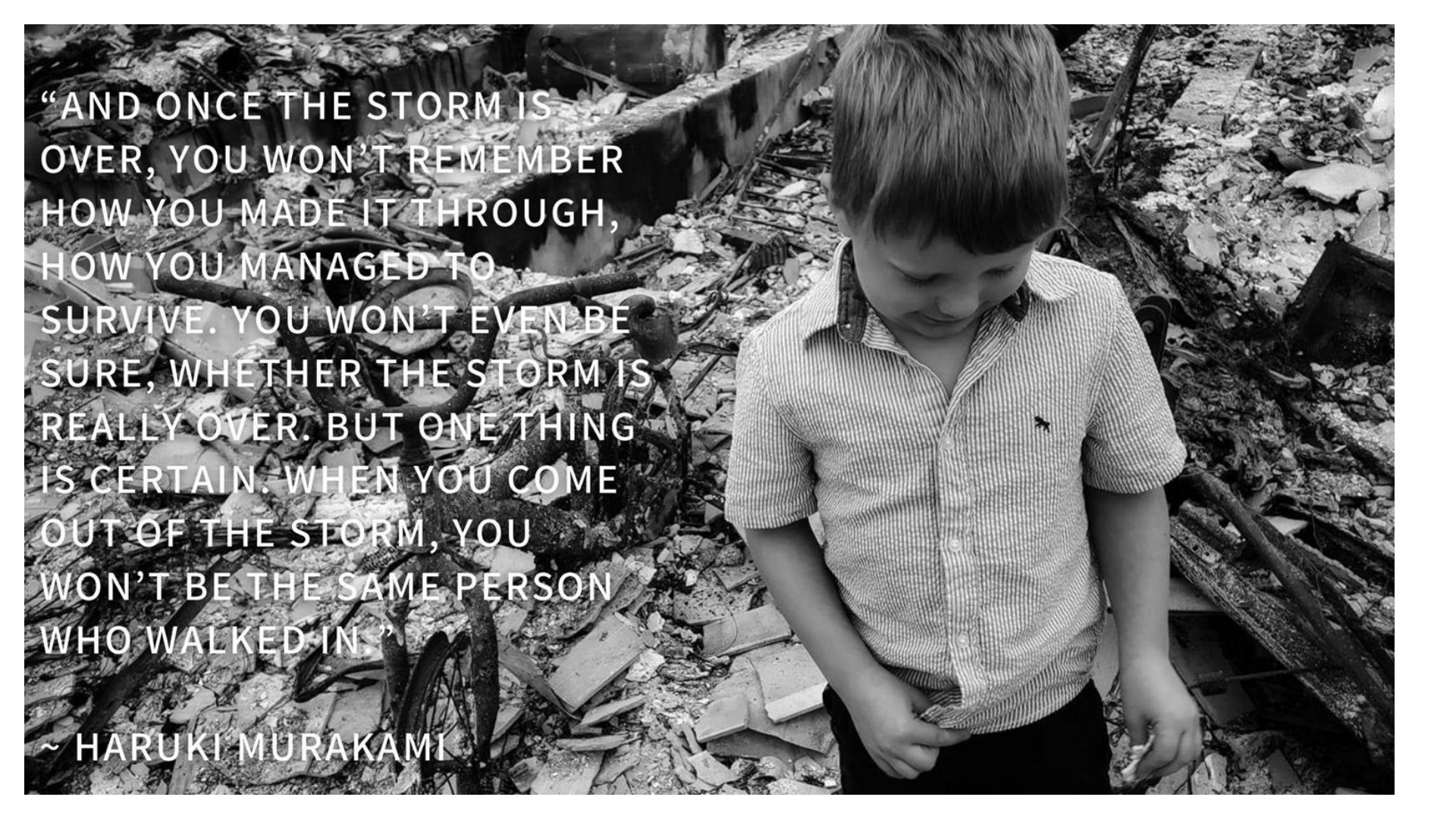


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Connections / Reconnections start with Relationships and Preparation

Strong bonds with kids and families- Security with school staff
Trauma informed practices
Systems of communication
Support from local community and beyond



“AND ONCE THE STORM IS
OVER, YOU WON'T REMEMBER
HOW YOU MADE IT THROUGH,
HOW YOU MANAGED TO
SURVIVE. YOU WON'T EVEN BE
SURE, WHETHER THE STORM IS
REALLY OVER. BUT ONE THING
IS CERTAIN. WHEN YOU COME
OUT OF THE STORM, YOU
WON'T BE THE SAME PERSON
WHO WALKED IN.”

~ HARUKI MURAKAMI



ALMEDA FIRE

September 8, 2020

Phoenix-Talent Responds

696 STUDENTS
484 FAMILIES





EVACUATION SITE
EXPO



EXPO CHILDREN'S
ACTIVITY AREA



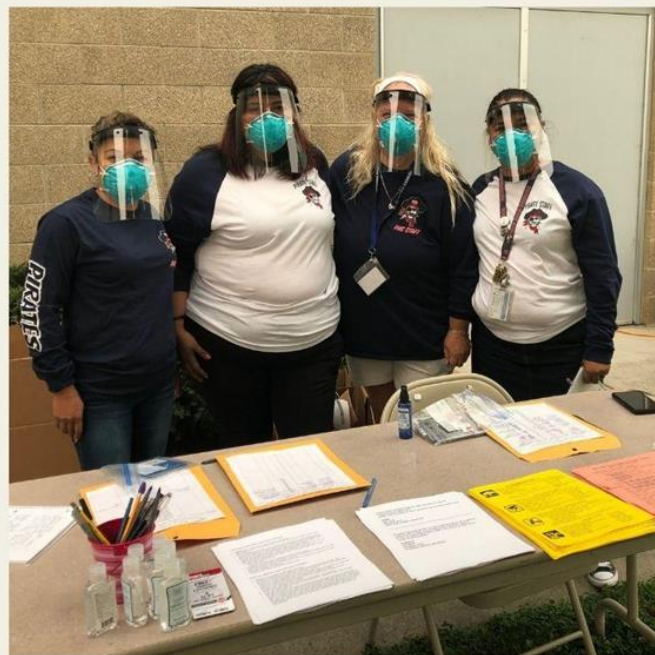
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SCHOOL CONNECTION
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WHITE CITY, ASHLAND)





MIGRANT FAMILY
SUPPORT

MEXICAN & GUATEMALAN
CONSULATE VISITS





FIRE RELIEF FUND



FIRE RELIEF COMMUNITY
EVENTS



NEW HIGH SCHOOL





IN-PERSON HYBRID
LEARNING



Phoenix High School

GRADUATION!!!



ON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO.5





2021-22 School Year

- **Connections:** Why this is important and how can we as a district ensure our efforts are fostering connections with students and families.
- **Rigor:** by definition, describes instruction, schoolwork, learning experiences and education expectations that are academically and personally challenging.
- **Support:** For our students to meet the expectations and rise to the challenge, it takes support, which truly means knowing the need of each individual.

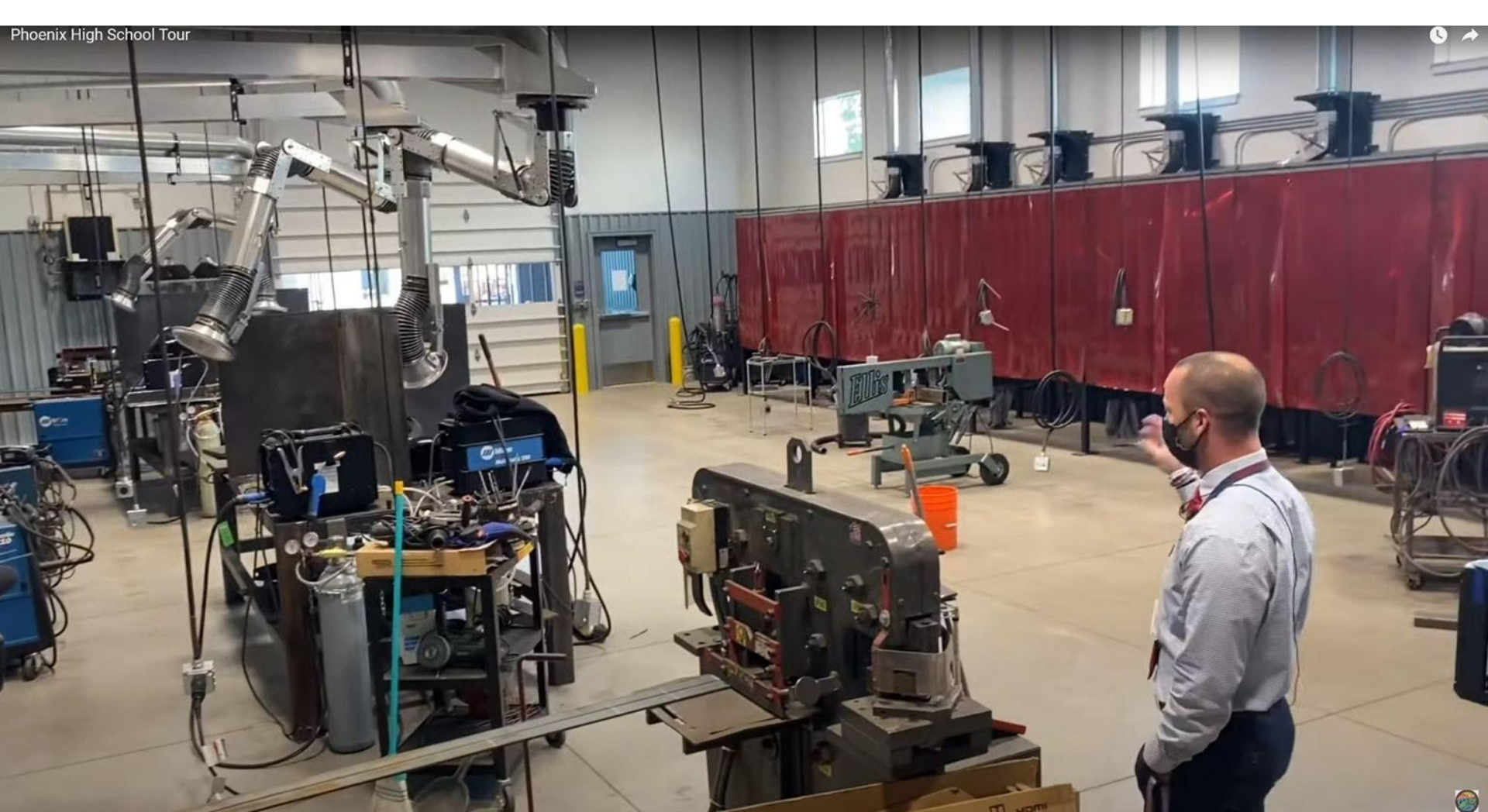


Personal invitations are critical to reconnecting









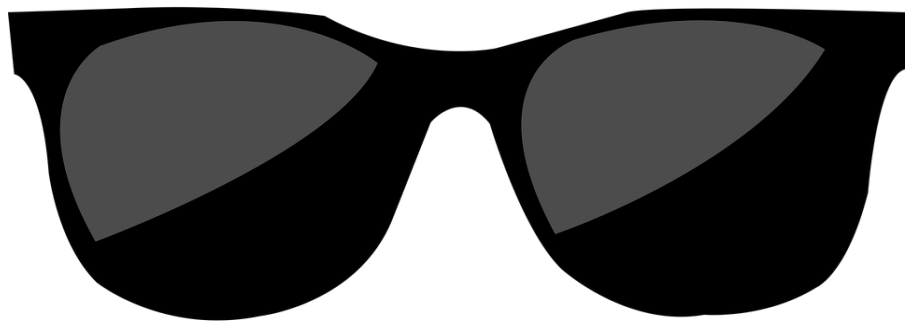






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