THOUGHTS FROM THE PRINCIPAL
by Dave Cordell Principal

Attention Kapowsin Families,

It's time to wrap this thing up!!! The 2018-19 school year is officially behind us and as we launch into the summer months I want to once again congratulate our 5th grade students (the future graduating class of 2026) on completing their elementary education. I wish them the very best as continue striving to make each day great!

As I reflect on the 2018-19 school year, I am thrilled at the progress that our students have made. Our Kindergarten students have successfully built a solid foundation for the years to come. Our 1st and 2nd grade students made strong growth on their STAR reading performance. Our 3rd grade students posted the highest scores in the district on the SBA. Hooray!!! Our 4th and 5th grade students made improvements over last year’s 4th/5th grade SBA scores in both Math and Reading. In fact, Kapowsin is the only school in the district to improve over last year in 3rd, 4th and 5th grade Reading and Math! I am proud of the effort and hard work of our staff and students, and I am confident that next year will produce more of the same.

Mr. Cordell’s Summer Suggestions:
1) Have FUN! Summer gives families the opportunity to spend time together and create memories that will last a lifetime. Whether at home or on vacation, find ways to engage in activities as a family.
2) Read together! When parents and children read together they not only build a child’s love of reading, but also create opportunities for engaging conversations and discussions. Read together and talk about what you are reading: ask questions, make predictions, share your reactions.
3) Be aware of your child’s online interests and talk about internet safety; there are so many wonderful opportunities for students to explore… and so many hazards!
4) Utilize online math resources/games throughout the summer to keep your student’s brain engaged. Students can still access their Zearn accounts from home.

The Bottom Line… Make the most of your time together this summer! We’ll see you in September.

David Cordell
Principal
Parents may go to enroll their students over the summer break at:
Bethel High School
320 - 176th St E, Spanaway, WA 98387
During July 16-30  Tues 11-6:45p and Thurs 8-3:45p
During Aug 1-15  Mon. 8a - 3:45p and Tues and Thurs 11a - 6:45p

Please bring the following with you when you drop off your completed packet:
for all Grades:
  *Verification of Residency (such as a utility bill, lease or mortgage statements or a copy of your homeowners or renters insurance policy).
AND
  *Completed Certificate of Immunization Status.
for Kindergarten:
  *All of the above and a Birth Certificate issued by the state of your child’s birth. Student must be 5 years old by August 31, 2019 to enroll.

Students in the Bethel School District are assigned to attend schools based on their home addresses. If a child needs to attend a school other than the assigned school, for reasons such as daycare, a transfer request is required. We work to accommodate as many requests as possible.

I you have questions regarding kindergarten registration, please call the Office of Elementary Schools at 253-683-6014.

Open House
We look forward to meeting you and your child/ren at Open House Tuesday, September 3, 2019, from 5-6:30p. Open House is not an orientation for Grades K-5. Open House is a casual event to look around the school, meet the teacher, met the PTA Board and sign up to become involved, meet peers, put away school supplies, and bring medication orders to the office. We want students to feel more comfortable for the first day of school. The first day of school for 1st thru 5th Grade will be September 5th, 2019. Kindergarten will start on September 10, 2019.