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Dear Families,

Welcome, welcome to all our families, returning and new. We look forward to seeing you soon. I hope you enjoyed our late summer and are as excited as I am to start a new school year.

Our theme this year is “Thinking Globally/Acting Locally”. This will be a year focusing on cultures and change...starting with each individual.

SCFS BOARD

Please welcome Kim Keller as our new SCFS Board Chair. Kim has been a board member since our school opened and has contributed many great ideas and valuable time to making SCFS a welcoming school. Her children Kayla and Korissa attend SCFS. Pete McHugh, Lea Pedro, and Eliza Ferrin are returning Board members, whose advice and input are vital to the success of our school.

STAFF

All of our staff are turning this year. Valena Taber will teach our kindergarten students, as well as grades 1-3. Sonja Morton and Lisa Bishop will share responsibilities as educator and education coordinator for grades 4-5. Gretchen Landin returns having completed her Master’s Degree. Congratulations, Gretchen. Vickie Weaver and I return for our seventh year in the office.

EDUCATION PERFORMANCE TESTING - Aug. 31, Sept. 1-2, Sept. 8 & 10 (for Gr. 2-8)

The Education Performance tests are used to determine a starting point with our students and helps us determine what curriculum is appropriate for your children. Your education coordinators will contact you or you may contact them to schedule testing times. Staff contact information is on the next page.

FAMILY ASSEMBLY & CURRICULUM PICK UP - Tues., Sept. 7

Our first day of school begins with all of us together. Your whole family is invited to attend our assembly from 1:00-1:30. You will have a chance to meet our Board members, staff, and other families. We will meet briefly in the Warren Elementary School cafeteria/gym. After the assembly, families will “mosey on over to SCFS” where you will pick up your curriculum (A reminder: there are no fees for curriculum).

PARENT ORIENTATION – September 9

9:00-10:00	Parents of students in Grades K-3 in room 2
10:00-11:00	Parents of students in Grades 4-5 in room 1
11:00-12:00	Parents of students in Grades 6-8 in room 1

Staff will discuss process and procedures relevant to their communities and to the school. Curriculum, handbooks, and more will be given to parents at this time. Students may come to school with their

parents. Activities will be scheduled for students, while parents/learning coaches meet with the Community Day educators.

FIRST COMMUNITY DAYS & WEEKLY CONFERENCES

Tuesday, September 14	Gr. K	8:35-11:35	Room 2
	Gr. 6-8	8:35- 2:20	Room 1
Thursday, September 16	Gr. 1-3	8:35- 2:20	Room 2
	Gr. 4-5	8:35- 2:20	Room 1

Please remember to bring a morning snack and a cold lunch. Students should also have their own water bottles.

Weekly conferences will be scheduled at a mutually agreed upon time between you and your education coordinator. We will do our best to schedule siblings at the same time to minimize your driving time. Conferences will begin the week of September 13.

SUPPLIES

Grades K-3 Water bottle, 6 pencils (#2 standard size), 4 glue sticks , 1 bottle Elmer’s White Glue, 1 box crayons (48) regular size, 1 container baby wipes, 1 ream of white copy paper, eraser tops

Grades 4-8 Water bottle, 6 pencils (#2 standard size), 1 box crayons or colored pencils, 2 erasers (pink pearl) 4 glue sticks, 1 box water colors, 1 ruler w/ both metric and standard measurements, 1 pkg. loose –leaf paper, 1 spiral notebook, 1 pkg. 1 cm. grid paper, 1 box tissue, 1 ream of white copy paper, 1 pkg. 3 x 5 note cards (100 per pkg.)

CHANGES

If your child will not be attending SCFS this fall, please call 503-369-4696 (my SCFS mobile) or 503-366-9009 (SCFS office) to let us know of your changes. If you know of any families, who would benefit from our program, please ask them to call me.

Please feel free to contact me or your educators to answer any of your questions.

STAFF	ASSIGNMENT	PHONE	EMAIL
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Sincerely,

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