



August 29, 2016

Greetings,

I hope this letter finds you and your family in good spirits and looking forward to another exciting school year at Cascade View Elementary School. The staff are preparing their rooms for the return of all our very special students and planning exciting educational activities for the upcoming school year.

The first all student activity of the school year will take place **Friday, September 2nd from 3:00 – 4:30 P.M. at Cascade View Elementary School**. This will be the first opportunity for students to find out who their teacher(s) will be for the upcoming school year. In addition, students will have a chance to discover the location of their classroom and possibly meet their teacher. In years past, we have posted the class lists on the cafeteria windows. Like last year, we are taking an additional step and allowing students to locate their classrooms prior to the start of school on September 6th. **Class lists will be posted at 3:00 P.M. on Friday, September 2nd.** All of the Cascade View Staff are looking forward to meeting their new students.

As I enter my 11th year as Principal of Cascade View Elementary, I am very excited to be a part of this community and look forward to meeting the needs of all our students. The S.B.A.C. scores showed some nice improvements I feel we are on the right course for the success of all students.

The staff at Cascade View Elementary School, and in the Tukwila School District, work hard every day to provide an outstanding education for your children. The district will continue to implement **SMART Wednesdays**. We will continue with our early dismissals on SMART Wednesdays at 12:45. During this time, staff will have the opportunity to work together consistently, without interruption, to dig deep into student assessments, and to plan for powerful instruction based on best practices.

On SMART Wednesdays, students will begin school at their regular time, but are sent home at 12:45. Please check your calendar and make childcare arrangements for the early release days. **Please note that the start time for a regular school day has not been moved, school will start at 9:00 with students arriving no earlier than 8:40.**

Safety is an essential component to a successful school community. Attached to this letter is Cascade View's daily drop off and pick up procedures. Please review the procedures and incorporate these guidelines into your daily interaction with our school community. We need everyone to follow these guidelines each and every day so that staff can ensure the safety of each student as they enter and exit the school campus. All it takes is one adult to ignore these guidelines to put our children at risk of injury on or around the school's campus. I appreciate your commitment in keeping our students safe!



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We are very proud that all of the teachers at Cascade View are deemed “highly qualified”. In fact, many of our teachers exceed the requirements for being considered “highly qualified”, as most have advanced degrees and many have done the course work to be E.L.L. endorsed. You may request the professional qualifications of your child’s classroom teacher(s) by contacting Cascade View Elementary School. We will provide you with the information as soon as possible upon your request.

We know that you all have busy lives, but children feel more supported and engaged when their parents participate in the school. There are several ways that you can support your student and the school community. For example, you can volunteer in your child’s classroom, chaperone field trips, or become an active member of the P.T.O. My goal for the 2016-2017 school year and in the future, is to have a more active Parent/Teacher Organization (P.T.O.), but I will need your assistance to do this. We are actively recruiting parents for leadership roles within the organization. In doing so, we ensure that the P.T.O. functions at a high level and is able to meet the demands of the school community as a whole. If you are interested in a leadership position on the Cascade View P.T.O., please contact me and I can assist you in that process (206) 901-7705. This work is very important and needs committed, capable parents such as yourselves so that together, we can get the job done.

Important dates to remember:

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| August 31st | Kindergarten Orientation, 5:00-7:00 |
| September 2nd | Class lists posted/students find their classroom 3:00 – 4:30 |
| September 5th | Labor Day Holiday-No School |
| September 6th | First Day of School! |
| September 21st | Early Release 12:45; SMART Wednesday |

Please take time to enjoy the rest of your summer with your family and friends. A new school year is approaching with high expectations for all students. The staff at Cascade View appreciates your support and we are looking forward to strengthening the partnership that is continuing to grow as more of you become active participants in your student’s education.

Sincerely,
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