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Hello families,

It was another great week here at the school. We continue to adjust our COVID precautions to help students remain safe. Students are being reminded to maintain physical distance or wear masks when this is not possible. I must say that I am proud of how well our students are doing and have expressed this to them.

As we conclude our third week of school we are finding that students are expressing a need for more flexibility and freedom. We want to provide this, but we must remain diligent. We want to ensure our school remains open for business. Achieving this goal will require our continued discipline as staff and students at school, and as families at home. Thank-you for the work you are doing to support the school in this effort. To create some flexible and safe learning spaces we received an exciting addition to our elementary classrooms this week. We invested in some pie shaped dividers that allow students to work face to face in small groups, but remain safe behind their Lexan screens.

Return to Sport

This week did see the announcement for the return to **extracurricular athletics**. This is exciting news and we are excited to see our students participate in cross country and volleyball. The junior cross country meet will be held next Thursday, October 1st and the senior meet will be on October 8th. Both of these events will be held at Dixon located northwest of Humboldt. Mrs. Schwark has volunteered to coach these students. Watch for information in your child's communication booklet or emails from Mrs. Schwark.

As for volleyball, we have entered into a school co-op with Lake Lenore for senior girls volleyball. Our senior boys will again play in a co-op with Cudworth. Mrs. Broad is our school contact for the senior boys, and I will be coaching the senior girls. We will have a junior girls volleyball team as well. Mrs. Schwark has also volunteered to coach this group. We are excited that students have this opportunity to have some fun while maintaining their skills in the sport.

If you are interested in being a **community coach** for any sports this year I invite you to contact me at the school and we can get things set up. Support for our athletics in this fashion will be important this year and in the years to come.

There are many strict rules and guidelines that all teams, athletes, coaches, officials and parents MUST follow to make the return to sport happen. This includes **transportation of students** to events. Our options include having parents transport their own child to an event, or having the same parent drive the same three students to each event for the season. In this instance masks must be worn by each person in the vehicle. Teachers are not allowed to transport any student in their private vehicle. The entire return to sport protocol document is posted on our [website](#). Please take a look at the document to learn about how sports will be played this fall.

SPIRIT WEEK

It was enjoyable seeing our SRC host its first spirit week of the year. Student and staff participation was very high. Students took the opportunity to enjoy these days, helping achieve the goal of creating that positive atmosphere within the school. We look forward to the spirit weeks in the months ahead.

In other news

- Our second water fill station has been installed in our elementary end. This is great news for our elementary students and teachers. We do ask that you continue to send your child's water bottle prefilled.
- We had our first virtual guest presentations this week. Students learned from Tornado Hunter Chris Chuttick what being a tornado hunter is all about. This included the exciting, dangerous, artistic, and scientific elements of his profession.
- Thank-you for supporting our Terry Fox Walk. His efforts continue to amaze me and his legacy continues to live through the next generation of our youth. Forty years and counting!

SCC Meeting - October 5th

Our next meeting will be held at 7pm Monday October 5th. We invite you to come to the meeting and take part in this very important organization.

There was plenty to share this week. Thank-you for your attention and have a safe and joyful weekend.

- *Mr. Burke*