



Sisters Elementary School

“Home of the Outlaws”

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Principal

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Dear SES Outlaw Students and Parents,

I don't know about you, but it is hard to believe that Memorial weekend is already upon us, and after that summer is right around the corner. In this unusual situation that we are facing, time really takes on a different meaning and perspective. I want to encourage each of you that we are nearing the finish line for Distance Learning, and that there will be opportunities for our students and families to continue forward with learning throughout the summer. I would encourage you to help your students to finish well.

This week is our last week of “regular” Distance Learning with our classroom teachers. Next week is a three-day school week with Monday off as a holiday and Friday as a professional development day. We have a wonderfully exciting week planned for your students next week with lessons from our specialists and coach focused on our National Parks. There will be fun lessons in art, music, PE, Chinese and science that integrate with the theme and will be engaging to all of our students together. There are also activities that can be portable if you decide to experience the beauties of Central Oregon over the next couple of weeks. We will be sending the links out on Friday and will have packet pick-up on Friday at 10:30-11:30 and Tuesday all morning. There will be no live homeroom Zoom meetings next week, as classroom teachers will be fully engaged in science and math professional development. However, our specialists will be hosting optional Zoom meetings.

June 1-5 will be our last week of virtual learning and our teachers will be modifying their schedule to incorporate end of the year traditions and community closure activities within it. We know we can't fully replicate the many activities that are held here in the building in June, but we are working hard to bring positive closure for our students this year and hoping to weave in some of our traditions into the start of next school year once we have more clarity from ODE on the fall. The last day of academic instruction is June 12.

Please reserve June 8 as a day when you will be bringing your student to the school to connect at a safe distance with their teachers and other school staff, receive fun items from community partners, and collect their last week of work and summer packets. Students will turn in their Chromebooks and receive their art portfolios. We will do this by grade levels and I will let you know the schedule next week. We will adhere to all social distancing practices and only staff will be entering the school building. We are hoping to make June 8 a celebration for our community. We hope to see each one of our students from a distance as we celebrate together.

One way that we can continue to celebrate our community spirit is through our new spirit gear that we are offering. ***The Sisters Strong logo on the gear represents our strength as a community, especially during these times.*** These t-shirts will be available for pickup at

Sisters Elementary School on **June 8th, between 10:30am-12:30pm**. All proceeds for these t-shirts will help support SPTC (Sisters Parent Teacher Community). **Orders are open until May 27th**. If you have any questions you can email Kelli at info@outlawjayne.com. Please use this link for more information. <https://outlawjayne.com/collections/sisters-strong> **Special thanks to Jack Turpen who created the original Sisters Strong logo. I hope to see many of us in town throughout the summer wearing our Sisters Strong gear.**

As a reminder, we continue to have packet pick up and distribution on Mondays as well as daily between 10:30-11:30. **Kindergarten registration and Round Up** begins today, May 18, so please spread the word if you know anyone with children who will be five by September 1. We will be available to support families on Mondays and Fridays from 10:30-12:30 to get their students registered. Registration documents can also be printed from our website. Please remember to bring in your child's birth certificate and immunizations record. Once we receive all registration documents, your family will receive the goody bag of Kindergarten Roundup treats.

Just as a reminder, we continue to walk/run in our Running Club and in the bend marathon. <https://www.bend-marathon.com/youth-running-program.html>. We continue to partner with Paulina Books to get discounted books for our students. <https://bookshop.org/lists/sisters-elementary-school-catalog>. We also continue to participate in reading incentive programs.

<https://www.deschuteslibrary.org/calendar/summer/> <https://www.scholastic.com/site/summer/home.html>.

Finally, another great resource is <https://www.leaderinme.org/> and click on the For Families link.

It continues to be important that we communicate regularly and provide constructive feedback so that we can learn and grow together as a community. To support our connections, I will be hosting a fifth Zoom Coffee with the Principal on Wednesday, May 20 for Fourth Grade parents only from 12:00 -1:00pm to discuss transition and celebration plans. I will be joined by one of the middle school administrators and our fourth grade teachers during this call. This is an opportunity to connect with other parents and share successes and ideas. Please use this link to access: <https://zoom.us/j/675751120?pwd=Slhza214SmMraDN3cG5xZlImNTZ1dz09> or the following information: Meeting ID: 675 751 120 Password: 0FFnOW. I hope you will be able to join us.

I hope that you and your family have an amazing week together. I am encouraged by the spirit of community that is present whether we are physically together or at a distance. I am truly honored and blessed to be a part of this incredible Outlaw community! SES staff is here to be your partner as we journey together. Together we are better! We are **Sisters Strong!!!!**

With Outlaw Spirit,

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