



# Sisters Elementary School

“Home of the Outlaws”

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Principal

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Dear SES Outlaw Students and Parents,

I hope that you had a wonderful Mother's Day weekend celebrating as a family and enjoying all that Central Oregon has to offer. Thank you for honoring our teachers and staff last week. We all miss our students and your contributions helped brighten their week. This week's email will highlight some end of year information and some ways for you to support your child in reading.

First of all, we continue to have packet pick up and distribution on Mondays as well as daily between 10:30 - 11:30 am. **Kindergarten registration and Round Up** will begin on May 18, so please spread the word if you know anyone with children who will be five-years-old by September 1. We will be available to support families on Mondays and Fridays from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm 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.

We continue with our current Distance Learning routines for the next two weeks. The week of May 25, there are only three days of school and we would like to change up the routine for our families. That week we will be having a National Park theme and will be providing families the opportunity to learn together in an integrated and fun way. You will receive more information by May 22 so that you can integrate the learning into your Memorial Day weekend plans. June 1 - 5 will be our final Technology Connected week of learning. The last day of academic instruction is June 12. June 8 will be a big day of Chromebook turn-in, and pick up from June 8 - 12 of final work packets, summer work packets, art portfolios, and special treats from our community partners including SPRD and DPL. The day will be broken into grade level times and you will receive more information as we get closer to the date. We hope to see each one of our students from a distance as we celebrate together.

I would also like to draw your attention to three exciting opportunities. The first one is that beginning this week we are working on completing a marathon as a part of the SES Running Club. This is open to all family members. Mrs. Thomas has posted details on the Clever portal. You can also sign up and participate simultaneously with <https://www.bend-marathon.com/youth-running-program.html>. What a great way to inspire us to get out and get moving in our beautiful world!

The second opportunity involves reading books. Research shows that the best way for a child to become a better reader is to read books that interest them. As adults, we read to be entertained and to learn new information. It is important that our students begin now to engage in this practice of reading. As a parent, this is the single best way you can help your child progress academically over the summer. Here are a couple of links to encourage your child to engage in reading that can begin now and will extend through the summer. Our local library is a wonderful resource for e-books as well as ideas of great books to purchase for your children. You can access their information at Deschutes library and then click on the kids tab for a wealth of great information and ideas. Here is the link to the library summer program to access summer activities at

DPL: <https://www.deschuteslibrary.org/calendar/summer/>. Additionally, Scholastic is offering a fun summer program that you can access here: <https://www.scholastic.com/site/summer/home.html>.

We are excited to be able to partner with Paulina Springs Bookstore to get books at a reasonable price for our students, while also supporting a local business. The general Bookshop page link is: <https://bookshop.org/shop/paulinaspringsbooks>. Through this page you can browse tens of thousands of titles and have them shipped directly to your home. The link to the Elementary School catalog is here: <https://bookshop.org/lists/sisters-elementary-school-catalog>. That link goes to the catalog and shows a breakdown by subject that you can click through to view books on the list. Eventually, there will be the full catalog displayed at that page in addition to the subject links. Each of the 200 titles in this catalog offer a 15% discount for our families. Instructions for ordering: To place an order for pick-up at the store, you can order through the website for delivery direct to your home, email [info@paulinaspringsbooks.com](mailto:info@paulinaspringsbooks.com) or call 541-549-0866. Paulina Springs will have most of the 200 titles in stock, but can get anything they don't have in one to three business days. If you place your order through the website, the discount will be automatically applied. If you call or email, make sure to mention you are ordering from the SES Catalog to ensure you receive your discount! A note about pick-ups at the store: PSB is taking all necessary measures to protect the safety of its customers and staff. Currently, customers are not allowed in the store, but there is a contactless pick-up window set up at the front door!

Third, we are going to be embarking on Leader in Me next fall. Currently families can access a wealth of tools on the [leaderinme.org](http://leaderinme.org) website. Simply click on the Families link and you will find some great activities for families to share together. We are grateful for our community partners and their continued support of our students and families.

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 fourth Zoom Coffee with the Principal on Wednesday, May 13 from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm. Then on Wednesday, May 20, I will be hosting a fourth grade only parent Zoom from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm to discuss transition and celebration plans. This is an opportunity to connect with other parents and share successes and ideas. I hope you will be able to join us. Please use [this link](https://zoom.us/j/675751120?pwd=Slhza214SmMraDN3cG5xZllmNTZ1dz09) to access: <https://zoom.us/j/675751120?pwd=Slhza214SmMraDN3cG5xZllmNTZ1dz09> or the following information: Meeting ID: 675 751 120 Password: OFFnOW.

If you have questions or need help with anything, please email [Shannon.beutler@ssd6.org](mailto:Shannon.beutler@ssd6.org) or leave a phone message and she will contact you. We appreciate your continued efforts and creative thinking as we wind down the year. SES staff is here to be your partner as we journey together. I am honored to be a part of this amazing Outlaw community! Together we are better!

With Outlaw Spirit,

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