



Sisters Elementary School

“Home of the Outlaws”

Joan Warburg
Principal

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Dear SES Outlaw Students and Parents,

I hope that you had a wonderful Memorial weekend as we honored those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. I am SO excited about the learning that we have planned for your students this week! I hope that you will all jump in as a family and enjoy the adventure. **Your student(s) will be participating in a thematic learning unit on National Parks starting today.** I want to thank our Specialists Team for the amazing learning experiences they have prepared to help students learn about our National Parks and our beautiful Central Oregon. Packets are available for pick up each day at the school between 10:30 - 11:30 am. Here is the correct link to access:https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1jLXjGGURQBdMFPvG97tS0J539SB_ceomDtInEUazQ/edit?usp=sharing

As a reminder, ***Students that complete the activities for each day and mark it in their National Passport Book will be entered in a drawing for a National Park Hydroflask.*** Please share a picture or email your student's teacher about their completed book.

Specialists are excited to be the ones holding grade level Zoom meetings next week and to be the teachers available to support and connect with your student. Classroom teachers will not be holding class Zooms next week as they will be engaged in professional development activities.

We would love to see photos / videos of your child's exploration and learning this week. **Please send photos / videos to your child's teacher or to erika.velikonja@ssd6.org.** If you don't mind them being posted on Facebook or Instagram, please note that as well. If you would like to submit your student's work for consideration for inclusion in an article in the Nugget, you can submit it @ kidsinprint@nuggetnews.com. It would be great to see our students in our local paper.

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. 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.

- 9:15 - 10:00 Kindergarten
- 10:30 - 11:15 First Grade
- 11:45 - 12:15 Second Grade
- 1:00 - 1:45 Third Grade
- 2:00 - 3:00 Fourth Grade Celebration
- 3:00 - 3:30 Final Stragglers

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 10:30 am - 12:30 pm.** 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.**

In early June, our staff will be meeting to place students into classrooms for the 2020-2021 school year. At SES, we are making every effort to maintain balanced student populations in all of our classrooms. In balancing classrooms, we will be considering gender, academic performance, special needs, attendance, personality combinations, and other extenuating circumstances. Current classroom teachers will divide their students into heterogeneous groups, based on the balancing criteria described above. They will also examine which future classroom will best meet the learning style of individual children. Specialists, office staff, and building administration will also have input into student placement. A parent input form is attached for parents who wish to provide us with additional information and guidance as we complete this process. [parent input letter.docx](#) Please email me at joan.warburg@ssd6.org or drop off the form to the office no later than May 29th. Specific teacher requests will not be honored. If you are planning for your child to not return to Sisters next year, please email shannon.beutler@ssd6.org to complete a withdrawal form. Thank you for your understanding and support.

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.

Please see the attached flyer for information about our canned food drive to support local families. Our fourth grade leadership students are working to make this a reality, hoping to be able to give back to our community. Please consider donating to support those that are struggling right now, especially with the impact of COVID on jobs and income. [SES Leadership Canned Food Drive.pdf](#)

I hope that you have a wonderful week in the outdoors, enjoying the richness of our beautiful land.

We want to thank you for your partnership and continued support during this time. SES staff is here to be your partner as we journey together. Together we are better! We are **Sisters Strong!!!!**

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Sisters Elementary
Parent Input Form for Classroom Placement
For 2020-21

Student's Name _____

Grade Next Fall _____

Sisters Elementary does not take formal parent requests for teachers; however we know that as parents you have important information to provide that will help us in determining the appropriate classroom placement for your child next year. Our goal in placement is to create **balanced classrooms** to optimize learning for **all** students. This balance takes into consideration the following factors: number of students, gender, academic level, emotional/social/behavioral needs and special needs. Placement decisions will be made by a team consisting of your child's teacher, other grade level teachers, the Principal, and other support staff when necessary. The input you provide on this form will be very helpful in the placement process.

Please complete this form thoroughly and return it to Joan.warburg@ssd6.org or Shannon.beutler@ssd6.org by Friday, May 29th.

Academic Strengths

(check all that apply)

- Reading
- Writing
- Math
- Speaking
- Social Studies
- Science

Academic Opportunities

(check all that apply)

- Reading
- Writing
- Math
- Speaking
- Social Studies
- Science

Describe your child's strengths and interests:

What challenges does your child face that impacts his/her success in school?

(e.g. Learning, Behavior, Attention, Motivation, Physical, Social/Emotional ect.)

Describe how your child learns best:

(in groups, with a partner, independently, by listening, by reading/seeing, by doing, ect.)

Describe the kind of classroom environment (not the specific teacher) that would help maximize your child's success:

Use the opposite side of this page for any additional comments about your child which you believe would help us in determining appropriate classroom placement for next year.

SES Leadership Canned Food Drive

During the COVID-19 pandemic people in our community need help. Now is the time to act!

We need to come together to support one another!

What: We are collecting canned and boxed food to donate to one of our local food banks (Bread of Life)

When: For 2 weeks:

- Tuesday May 26th-Friday May 29th
- Monday June 1st-Friday June 5th

How: You can drop off non perishable items at SES between 10:30-3:30 in the marked bin.



Let's change the world one can
at a time!