

Principal's Message – June

The principal's message for this month is different from all other previous messages. I am using this message to say thank you to the teachers, staff, parents, and students for making this year truly unlike any other in the history of SRTMS. From the first day, it has been an enjoyable and unpredictable ride. All stakeholders have contributed to the inspiring experience.

There were so many changes of course and movements from on campus learning to distance learning, along with all the protocols it was a dizzying experience for all. Through it all stakeholders persevered and the learning continued. It was truly a year unlike any other.

One of the things know for sure is that, pandemic or not, we want to lessen any learning loss that can happen over the summer. Here are some things that you can do with your child:

- 1) Reading is key. Spend at least 30 minutes a day reading with your child. Ask them questions about the story, ask them “what if” questions, and ask them to predict what happens next.
- 2) Create fun real world activities that enforce skills – card games help with math strategies and strategic thinking, building with Legos helps fine motor coordination, encourage your child to build something practicing measurement, reading skills, and promotes real world experience.
- 3) Take advantage of many free on-line resources to practicing reading and math games. Here is a link to a variety of available resources for families <https://sites.google.com/pvsdcamarillo.org/pvsd-families-distance-learnin/home>
- 4) Teach or try out a new sport for your child. This challenges them to incorporate new skills and develop their gross motor function.

At this time, next year will be a return to a traditional structure of school. We are planning to return things back to pre-pandemic levels. This means a regular five-day-a-week instructional program, sports, field trips, volunteers, class parties, etc. I want everyone to know that we will have three days of counseling support, primary hour (reading intervention afterschool) will return, and program such as Big Buddies and peer tutoring. They will be more to come as gather some information from the CAASPP exam to see where the greatest areas of need are. We also have restructured our middle school elective wheel so that students that need extra practice in math and ELA will have an opportunity through fun, real world electives.



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I wish all the eighth grade students success as they transition to high school. We didn't get to celebrate in the same way as a traditional year. We did get a chance to have a walk-through promotion. However, our eighth grade students showed a high degree of resilience and that will serve them well. I know they will all be successful in their own way. It was a pleasure to get to know them better and watch them grow this year.

Again, thank you for a wonderful, challenging, and unprecedented year. I'm blessed to lead and work at the best school in the Pleasant Valley School District.

Eagle Pride,
Mr. Borchard