Washington and Grizzly Hill Weekly Update October 5 through October 9

Welcome to week eight!

This week's schedule is normal. The wifi lab will be open for usual hours and most of the HotSpots have been given out. While the HotSpots don't work well in every location, I have heard back from some that its use has been a 'game changer' for access. If you feel trying one out might be beneficial, please ask for one!

You will notice a new section in this week's binder. It is a section from the District that will have the school calendar, October's Grizzly Tracks newsletter, a new Keep Moving section for logging physical activity to earn health positive prizes, an academic challenge and information about this year's first Parent-Teacher Conferences. This year, conferences are in the middle of the trimester to allow all struggling students/families time for implementing strategies and practice how to best get back on track. We strive to educate all our students and we are looking to have all students at or above grade level. If everyone works together, this can happen.

Is your student bored? Do they complete their work and have too much free time? Are you looking to add to their academics? In this week's binder your student will have the opportunity to complete an academic activity for school and community recognition as a completer of the challenge. Difficulty level will differ from week to week. We will display their name on the information board at both WS and GH. Look to the binder for more information.

Finally, by the end of the week, I will be sending out a survey asking for input from families hoping to return to in-person as to what they feel are the most important safety practices. A couple parents have expressed concern about sub-par mask wearing on campus. I will revisit our safety practices with all staff and make sure we are exceeding expectations.

If we move to offering a hybrid TRESD will continue to honor all requests for distance learning. We respect you and your wishes. In addition, we want to honor those who want their child to return to campus on a limited basis. To move forward in offering both options, I will bring to the school board on October 13 a district-wide plan to safely offer in-person sessions and distance sessions. I believe we can do both, and do both really well.

Please read the plan and offer suggestions to make it better. No stone unturned!

By Wednesday, the plan will be posted in the kiosk in GH, in WS, on our TRESD website and in the weekly binder. There will be a public comment session at the Board meeting on October 13 in the GH multi-purpose room.

That's it for today. Stay safe and always feel free to call or stop by if you have any questions.

Sincerely, Melissa M.