

WELCOME RAVENS!



Heard on the Skagit Academy playground - Is that burnt popcorn I smell?

Dear Skagit Academy Families,

Nothing quite says “Back to School” at Skagit Academy as the smell of burnt microwave popcorn. I was somewhere the other day where I detected distinct “notes” of charcoal corn bits wafting freely about. My mind immediately conquered up an image of a smokey classroom and resigned sighs of, “not again!” Some schools have other types of traditions, but I think SA has adopted this one as a marker of school identity. I’m thinking about a school fundraiser sometime this year where we sell scented candles that bring fond memories to many SA students. In addition candle scents of Burnt Popcorn, we would sell Burnt Burrito, and my personal favorite, Cup O’ Noodles Without Water. In my house the scent would be, Forgotten Reheated Beverage.

Tomorrow is the first day of school and we are so looking forward to the parade of cars and happy faces waving from car windows. While you are picking up materials, we will also take attendance as is required for us to count the students as enrolled. Please be sure your enrolled children come with you.

By now, most all of you have attended one of the parent meetings conducted over the past two days, so I will not repeat information in this letter. Instead, I would like to include a special letter from our music teacher, Ms. Becky Dutton. There has been a change to our schedule and you will not see Ms. Becky’s name for any of the classes this session, nor will you see her at tomorrow’s kick-off. Ms. Becky will not be offering classes for now while she focusses time on her health – which is exactly what we all want her to do. Please join me in sending Ms. Becky our healing thoughts, love, and encouragement over these next few months.

On behalf of the faculty and staff at Skagit Academy, I want to wish you all a great start to the new school year!

Best Regards,

Ms. Joy

Joy Walton Kawasaki, Principal

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A Message from our Ms. Becky

From Becky Dutton

Dear SA Families,

Happy new school year!



This past August I was diagnosed Invasive Ductal Carcinoma. Being diagnosed with this Stage 2 Breast Cancer was quite a shock. In the last week, more test results revealed that I would need to undergo aggressive treatment over the next 3-4 months to beat this diagnosis.

Because of these needed actions, my husband and I have decided that I will take leave from teaching at SA this semester. In doing so, I will be able to use my energy to focus on healing and restoration of my health.

The community at SA is a huge blessing in my life and I hope to be better so I can return to teaching by second semester. I thank you in advance for your love, care and prayers on my behalf. I wish you all the best in this new educational journey.

Hugs and smiles,

Ms. Becky Dutton