



Ryan Westenskow,
Principal

North Santiam School District
Sublimity School

Andy Gardner,
Superintendent

"We Change Kids' Lives!"
431 E. Main St./PO Box 269
Sublimity, OR 97385
Ph: 503-769-2159
Fax: 503-769-3333

August 13, 2021

Greetings and Welcome Back Wildcat Families!

The start of the much anticipated 2021-22 school year is fast approaching! I want to introduce myself and share a few pieces of information that I hope you will find helpful as we prepare for the upcoming year.

My name is Ryan Westenskow and I am honored to be your new principal. My family recently moved here from La Grande, OR, where I spent the last six years as an elementary school principal. Prior to that I spent nine years teaching, coaching, and working with students at the middle and high school level in several districts across the state. I am humbled to join the staff and community here in Sublimity, where I know there is a long history of strong community involvement and student success. I look forward to working closely with our parents and staff as we strive to carry on that tradition of excellence and provide the best possible learning experience for our students.

We all have many questions about what this year will look like. I hope to provide as much information as possible in this letter, but please know that guidance from the state will continue to evolve over the coming months. For that reason, we will provide regular updates to parents on our website and through other electronic means to keep you informed. I will also be hosting a parent roundtable event on August 23 at 5:00 pm. This will be an opportunity for parents to meet the principal, ask questions, and hear a short overview of what the school year will look like for students. This event will be outside with physical distancing.

Here are a few items to note, as well as some upcoming events and dates:

- Principal's Roundtable - August 23 at 5:00 -6:00 pm.
- Open House - September 1 from 5:30-7:00 pm.
- 6th Grade Parent Night - TBD
- Class lists and teacher assignments will be available during Open House.

School schedule:

	Breakfast	First Bell	Class Begins	Dismissal
Monday (Late Start)	8:30	8:55	9:00	2:35 (Elementary)
Tuesday-Friday	7:30	7:55	8:00	2:40 (Middle School)

Masks and safety measures based on guidance from the Oregon Department of Education:

- Students and staff will be required to wear masks indoors while at school to begin the year. This rule will be reviewed by ODE monthly.

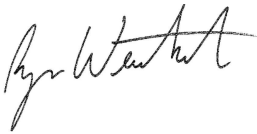
- The school will utilize numerous layers of safety such as:
 - Spacing students at least 3 ft to the extent possible
 - Teaching and practicing effective hand washing
 - Limiting the amount of shared equipment students use
 - Improving air ventilation around in classrooms around the school
- We will also follow state and local health guidance for contact tracing and quarantines for those that are ill. It is important to note that, based on updated rules, students and staff wearing proper face coverings and maintaining 3 ft distancing will not have to quarantine if they have been exposed to an individual with Covid-19.

With the updated guidance, we are pleased that all students will be able to be back in school full time! We feel confident that, despite the ongoing battle with the virus, we can move forward and have a successful school year, engage in lots of good learning, and keep kids and families safe.

Lastly, please make sure to view our website and facebook page for information on school supply lists, registration, or ongoing updates.

Have a fantastic rest of your Summer and we look forward to seeing you soon. Go Wildcats!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Westenskow". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the left of a vertical line.

Ryan Westenskow
Principal