Dear Penny Creek Families.

You have likely heard the news that we will begin the school year in a virtual (online) classroom setting. I want you to know that I will be meeting with teachers and reaching out to families to consider how we can provide learning supports as well as social-emotional supports for students within the virtual setting.

If you have questions or ideas to share, please feel free to call (425-385-7290) or email them to me (mshefveland@everettsd.org). I appreciate hearing from you.

I also want to make you aware of several staff changes:

Kendall Landis (third grade teacher last year; fourth this coming year) is moving back to Spokane, Washington to be close to family. We will miss her and wish her all the best. Hallie Hallquist, who taught fifth grade last year, will take her place in the fourth grade.

Michelle Ulke (Intermediate Achieve) has taken a Coaching position and will support Achieve programs throughout the district in this role. This again, is another loss for us, but we know she will be a terrific support to teachers. Taking her place is Jelena Gleason. Jelena comes to us from California where she has background teaching Special Education in programs similar to our Achieve program.

New to us in first grade is Natalie Rasmussen. Natalie comes to us from Mukilteo where she completed her student teaching through the University of Washington, Bothell. We look forward to having her join the First Grade team.

You may have heard that Stefani Koetje, our Assistant Principal the last two years, has also moved to a new position in Everett. She will be one of three Coaches in our PBIS program supporting schools throughout the district. We thank her for her tremendous support of Penny Creek students and wish her well in this new position.

Our new Assistant Principal is Stephanie Kirkpatrick. Mrs. Kirkpatrick comes to us from Mukilteo School District where she was the LAP and EL teacher at Lake Stickney Elementary. She recently completed her Administrative degree through the University of Washington, Bothell. We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Kirkpatrick to Penny Creek.

For now, I hope you can enjoy this beautiful weather.

Stay safe and well,

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