

Perseverance is failing 19 times and succeeding the 20th.

Julie Andrews

#Crew,

The theme of the **#Crew Communication** for this week is Perseverance and Grace.

This week I am breaking from tradition and citing two separate yet interconnected themes for our #Crew Communication. As noted in the quote above, 'Perseverance' often involves failing (making mistakes) and trying again. And when we make mistakes, we must give ourselves and those around us the 'Grace' to regroup and continue to work towards our goals, knowing that we may fail again.

During this first week of school, many of you will be faced with new obstacles, or challenges. These items may be a result of Covid-19 safety precautions or the beginning of year tasks. We may realize that our best laid plans fail, and we have to regroup and come up with new ideas to keep students safe while also ensuring learning is not interrupted. Please, remember to offer yourself and each of us grace as we work and learn alongside one another during a new and stressful time.

IT'S EASY
TO GIVE GRACE
WHEN I
RECALL HOW MUCH
I NEED IT.

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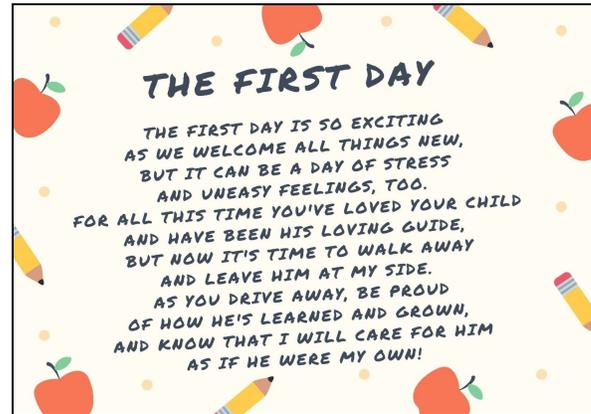
Return-To-Learn Health & Sanitation Coordination

We have completed our first week of targeted sanitation of all high touch learning spaces in each of the three buildings. Kamiah Jt. School District has 2 dedicated staff members that travel throughout the buildings daily, employing Covid-19 specific cleaning practices to all spaces that students and staff may have come into contact with. After cleaning each space, sanitation staff will begin locking the location and will apply a visual marker on the door indicating that the space was sanitized and ready for learning. If you come into the building after hours, or on the weekend, please avoid classrooms or workspaces that have been sanitized for the next day.

In Loco Parentis

The Latin term ***in loco parentis*** is a significant term in regards to schools and the incredible responsibility they hold when caring for students. The term, often used in school legal jargon, means “in the place of a parent”. It largely refers to the legal responsibility of a school to care for a student while they are away from parents or guardians at school or events. This year, the term means even more when you consider the uncertainty and questions that exist with the global pandemic.

When you take a moment, to consider the amount of trust the parents and guardians have shown by sending their greatest treasure to us, it is humbling. I have attached the poem ‘The First Day’ as it reminded me of what I have seen from the teachers and teacher partners at Kamiah this week. Thank you for taking care of each of our students, as if they were our own. The responsibility we have to care for students is and will always be our first priority.



Communication

I wanted to send a quick reminder that it is incredibly important to avoid discussing / sharing any confidential student health or educational information via email. If you have any medical information that you have been made aware of, please speak directly with your building principal or school health professional. Please avoid using students' names when discussing any topic digitally that could be considered confidential.

Recognition

This week, I want to offer a thank you to the **parents and guardians** of Kamiah Jt. School District who have entrusted our staff with these amazing students.

I also want to recognize and thank those **teachers and teacher partners** I witnessed at Kamiah Middle School, Elementary School, and High School welcoming students and showing them how much they care. We are blessed to have great students, staff, and families!

Have a great weekend!
Very Best,
Dr. Merrill

