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Dear Parents,

Today is the last day of school! Report cards are printed. Locker contents are bagged and ready for you next week. Graduation and awards ceremonies were celebrated. *This school year is going down in the record books!* Our **Blue Ribbon Students and Staff** started and ended the year with Blue Ribbon character and determination!

Congratulations Families! Summer is here!

While this school year is about to end, **I want to share the good news about September!** Based on the newly released OSPI and Department of Health school guidelines, NCA will be able to comply with health standards to open up campus with all students attending Monday- Friday. Pre-K through 8th graders will attend daily in conjunction with the health parameters outlined by the DOH.

These Department of Health requirements *at this point in time* include:

- PPE
- Health checks when entering school
- Social distancing configured into the classrooms (Our large classrooms are ideal.)
- Safe routines such as arrival, dismissal, hallway passing, lunch and recess (including plenty of fresh air).
- Some modifications of large group events so that healthy protocols are maintained.
- Regular and routine handwashing.

Our NCA Fall Task Force is planning the fine details for the fall. We desire to maintain our dynamic educational program as well as our loving, friendly and healthy environment while following these requirements.

Retirement Acknowledgements – We have three teachers who are retiring!

Mrs. Karen Jones Mrs. Jones has dedicated fourteen years of teaching sixth graders science, bible and English. Combine that with 14 more years of teaching and that equals 28 years! She has taught over 900 NCA sixth graders!

Mrs. Jane Wornick came to us in 2014. She has taught Kindergarten for six years plus another 19 years in Arizona! That is 25 years in Kindergarten and 800 five-year olds! Jane moved up the Washington to be near her three grown children. She inspires all of us each day with her dynamic faith and love for people.

Mrs. Lorraine Miller came to NCA in 2006 when the ELC first opened. She came with years of preschool experience, a deep love for Jesus Christ and a hardworking attitude. Often, Lorraine would

work late and pack home a rolling cart of teacher work to do at night. Lorraine's 14 years of work in the ELC included all kinds of positions. Lorraine is one who will step in wherever needed. She has poured into over 400 wee-ones over the years! Lorraine leaves a legacy of love and devotion!

My retirement next June 2021:

Next June, I will be retiring after 30 years of Christian Education leadership. This week Mr. Jordan Gage was hired as Assistant Superintendent to begin the transition process toward Superintendent by next spring. For the past six years, Jordan has worked at Kings Schools as a teacher and principal previously working at Eastside Christian School. Jordan's educational background includes M.Ed. Educational Administration from WWU and BA from Western State College of Colorado. He holds a Washington State teaching license and Washington State Principal's Residency Certificate. Jordan and his wife have four children.

Geoff Enns, School Board Chairman and NCC Elder announces:

"After an extensive - and extended - process of interviews, prayers, and discussions, we believe that God has led us to Jordan Gage as our future Superintendent. He will join us in August as Assistant Superintendent and will benefit from a year of working closely with Holly and the principals, which will give him time to get to know our school and its community as he gradually assumes greater responsibilities.

Jordan brings an undeniable passion for Christian education, strategic planning, and continuous learning that will serve us well in the years to come and we are excited about the future. This coming year will be both important and challenging as we work through the transition and the ongoing coronavirus issues, but we are confident that our solid leadership team will carry us through.

I want to thank the school leadership team, staff, parents, and others who dedicated their time to make this search process successful. I also want to thank Holly for her many years of visionary leadership at NCA, and I invite you to join me throughout this next year as we celebrate the successful conclusion of this season of her ministry and all that she has done for the school and its families." Geoff Enns

Care-a-thon News: This has been a tremendous success in reaching our families, neighbors, and community's needs. The student's hands-on involvement has been inspiring! *Hardship grants will help our families with tuition who have lost employment. Applications upon request.* Other assistance is also helping families in other ways.

In conclusion, this has been an extraordinary year with unique challenges. But we saw an extraordinary partnership quickly unfold between school and home to further the mission of our children's education. Together, we worked hard reflecting Jesus Christ to our children through these challenging circumstances.

Next year is on the horizon! A bright future back at school is within sight. A loving, healthy and dynamic education will resume in our school building. We seize the opportunity to build the very best for our students. God is so faithful, and He guides our path.

Sincerely,

Holly Leach