

Dear Sidewinder Families,

What an awesome week this has been! I feel so very blessed. Our Sidewinder Elementary students show such enthusiasm and curiosity for learning, and compassion for each other. They are amazing human beings. I am reminded of my very early Montessori training and reading the Absorbent Mind where Dr. Montessori states: *"The little child's first movements were instinctive. Now, he acts consciously and voluntarily, and with this comes an awakening of his spirit.... Conscious will is a power which develops with use and activity. We must aim at cultivating the will.... Its development is a slow process that evolves through a continuous activity in relationship with the environment. We teachers can only help the work going on, as servants wait upon a master."* (The Absorbent Mind, p. 231) Our Elementary teaching staff is amazing and their passion and love for their students shines bright. What a joy it is to be in their virtual classes and experience all the wonders of these young students.

I am also in awe of our oldest students. I know they are, as well as our elementary students, missing their friends and physical interactions with their teachers. And yet they rise to the occasion and show up each day ready to learn. Again, I was reminded of what Dr. Montessori said, *"The adolescent must never be treated as a child, for that is a stage of life that he has surpassed. It is better to treat an adolescent as if he had greater value than he actually shows than as if he had less and let him feel that his merits and self-respect are disregarded."*

Our young people are amazing and have my utmost respect. They truly are "a hope and a promise for mankind."

Sincerely,
Ms. Denise

Dates to Remember

Oct. 30th	Nevada Day – No School
Nov. 4th	Parent Talk – See info below
Nov. 10th	Packet Pick-up 8:00-9:30; 3:00-3:45
Nov. 11th	Veteran's Day – No School
Nov. 23rd – 27th	Family/Thanksgiving Week – No School

Parent Talk

Please join us for our November 4th Parent Talk next Wednesday from 2pm to 3pm. A special call out to our Middle School 8th grade parents. Please join us as we will be kicking off with information on Magnet and CTA high schools as possible options for next school year.

Please join our meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://www.gotomeet.me/MarloTsuchiyama/parent-talk>

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Access to Chromebooks and Internet

Students who need to borrow a school Chromebook device for distance education should fill out an Agreement for Use of Mobile Device form and turn it in to the office.

Families who qualify and are in need of Internet access for distance education, please contact tech@silversandmcs.org. We are working together with our sponsor, SPCSA, in the State's Connecting Kids Nevada Initiative.