



October 2, 2020

Tarwater Families,

The end of the first quarter of the school is always a reason to reflect, celebrate, and rest. This quarter has been one for the history books for sure. Teachers, parents, students, and our entire community has adjusted to new ways of learning, changes due to new information, and lots of uncertainty. I am beginning to sound like a broken record I am sure, but I am so proud of how our community has modeled our Toro Targets and come together to make school possible. Thank you all for your donations, your trust, and your patience.

Today is National Custodians' Day! Students and staff took time to thank our amazing custodial crew. Dolores Rowan, Maria Cervantes, George Chaira, and our additional support custodian, Rosenda Torres have been working hard to deep clean our entire school since last March. They were here every day during school closure, cleaning and preparing for the day, we would reopen. Reopening, has presented its own challenges. Our custodians have their usual duties, but also have the additional responsibilities of disinfecting surfaces, cleaning doorknobs throughout the day, and helping clean in the lunchroom. We cannot thank them enough for keeping us safe.

We look forward to a weeklong break and then a strong start in second quarter with many more of our families returning. If you will be starting new in October, please take time over the break to watch my videos on the website, read the reopening plan, and help prepare your child. My most recent podcast was all about preparation and expectation. When we hold high expectations and help prepare students they rise to the occasion with confidence. If you have been with us on campus since we began in person, please help out your neighbors and community by continuing to follow our pick up and drop off procedures and staying positive!

Have a wonderful (albeit short) fall break. Stay safe, and we look forward to seeing you next quarter.

Sincerely,

*Diane Hale*

Diane Hale, Principal