

August 2015

Dear Sea Cliff School Families,

We are excited for our upcoming 2015-2016 school year! Over the past year, we have clarified the Sea Cliff School vision of “*Building a Better World through Building Better Selves*,” into seven core Sea Cliff School concepts (listed below in italics) which directly align with our North Shore School District Shared Outcomes (in parentheses). As we move into the new school year, we will spend time each month focusing on a different core theme in school assembly programs and grade level push in lessons.

- September – *Growth Mindset and Goal Setting* (Growth in Self)
- October – *Reasoned Decision Maker* (Problem Solver)
- November – *Kindness and Respect* (Concern for Others)
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- January – *Self-Care and Health* (Growth in Self)
- February – *Self-Care and Health* (Growth in Self)
- March – *Creativity out of Mistakes* (Thinker – Critical & Creative)
- April – *Creativity out of Mistakes* (Innovator)
- May - *Developing a Voice* (Communicator)
- June – *Self-Knowledge and Capitalizing on Human Differences* (Collaborator)

These themes will also shape the year - long conversations that we have as a school community in regards to the question: ***How do we empower the mindful growth of our students in a way that connects academics, well - being and shared outcomes?***

We will begin our journey on **Tuesday, September 1st** and follow the schedule below for the first week of school.

Date	School Day Starts At:	School Day Ends At:	Length of Day
Tuesday, September 1	8:25 AM	11:40 AM	Half Day
Wednesday, September 2	8:25 AM	11:40 AM	Half Day
Thursday, September 3	8:25 AM	2:40 PM	Full Day
Friday, September 4	8:25 AM	2:40 PM	Full Day

Please note that Thursday, September 3rd, will be our **first full day** of school and the first day in which school lunch will be served in the cafeteria for grades 1-5. Kindergarten students will begin purchasing lunch on Monday, September 21st. All questions about lunch policies and purchasing lunch can be found on the school website “Policies and Forms” section, or within the Sea Cliff School, Student and Parent Handbook. This handbook also provides information on all school policies:
http://www.northshoreschools.org/Sea-Cliff/Student_Handbook.pdf .

Please be sure to notify your child’s teacher in writing of the way in which your child should regularly be dismissed beginning on the first day of school. Changes to the normal pick up arrangements should be noted using a “Change in Going Home Arrangement” form. A copy is available on the Sea Cliff School website under “Policies & Forms.”

Please also mark your calendar for **Back to School Night on Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 7:00PM.**

Introduction in Auditorium	7:00 – 7:10 PM
Grades 3-5 Classroom Visits	7:15 – 7:50 PM
Special Areas (in gym)	7:40 – 8:15 PM
Grades K-2 Classroom Visits	7:55 – 8:30 PM

Enjoy the remainder of the summer vacation. We look forward to seeing you on September 1st, when we begin another exciting year at the Sea Cliff School!

Sincerely,

Mr. Z, SC School Faculty, and SC School Staff