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PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

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October Events	Upcoming Events
<b>10/15 Phase 1: Gr K/1 begin in-person learning</b>	<b>11/2 Phase 2: Gr 2-3 begin in-person learning</b>
10/15 <a href="#">PTO Meeting</a> , 6:30 PM	11/2 Early Release (Conferences), 12:00 PM
10/21 Early Release, 1:20 PM	11/3 No School, Curriculum Day
10/23 <a href="#">Community Coffee</a> , 10:00 AM	11/11 No School, Veteran's Day
10/26 School Picture Day	11/12 <a href="#">PTO Meeting</a> , 6:30 PM
10/27 <a href="#">All School Meeting</a> , 10:00 AM	11/18 Early Release, 1:20 PM
10/30 Early Release (Conferences), 12:00 PM	11/25-11/27 No School, Thanksgiving Break
	<b>11/30 Phase 3: Gr 4-6 begin in-person learning</b>

Dear Families,

What a joy it was to welcome our in-person cohorts of Kindergarteners and first graders to school this morning! As I write this, I am looking out my office window at Mr. Lawrie and Ms. Sage's class doing Morning Circle under the tent. In this time of uncertainty and change, the sight of students learning together amidst the autumn leaves is an incredibly grounding one. Thank you to all who helped get ready for this day, especially our Custodian Amy Vanoudenhove, our Administrative Assistant Genesis Rosario-Torres, and our School Nurse Katy Guisti. We are hopeful about welcoming our second and third graders to school for in-person learning starting in early November, and then grades four through six at the end of the month.

**Now that we are phasing-in to school, please take a moment to fill out this [Emergency Contact Information Form](#).** We need information for every student. Thank you!

As we move deeper into the year, our school-based antiracism work continues. This week our staff wrapped up the Identity Map activity by examining the maps we created and reflecting on the identities that are present (and not) in our staff community. We had a long discussion about how our intersectional identities impact how we engage with students, families, and one another. Our family/staff book group met last night for a meaningful conversation about *So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo. We will meet again in December to discuss the podcast series "Nice White Parents." I will share more information as we get closer.

By popular demand, our virtual book fair has been extended until midnight on Sunday, October 18th! [Here is the link](#) to access the book fair, hosted by our wonderful partners at High Five Books in Florence.

Finally, here are two timely resources for you:

- CNN Article: [How Parental Self-Care Helps Kids Weather Pandemic Stress](#)
- [Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls Podcast](#)

Stay well, ask questions, and let me know what I can do to support your family.

All my best,  
Leigh