



Bear Express



The Official Family Newsletter for Summit Charter School

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Dear Summit Family,

Our school year is now in full stride as we head into week 5. While we are certainly still approaching this year one day at a time and remain diligent in our safety procedures on campus, we are also embracing the opportunity we have with our students each day for learning, growth, and discovery in pursuit of our larger mission. And, I have the deepest gratitude and respect for our teachers, students, and families in overcoming the many new challenges (like the internet failing on Friday and today...) of this time to still keep Summit's mission front and center.

Connection with place is central to the Summit experience. By place, we mean how we situate learning amidst the context of the community and our environment in which we live and engage daily to foster greater relevance and deeper learning with our students. We believe that building intentional culture and community in our classrooms and across our campus supports our students to trust and challenge themselves to grow as learners, leaders, and people. In a time of physical distancing and supporting learners both at school and remote, this is both an increased challenge, and also all the more important.

With this purpose, on Friday afternoon, middle and high school students dedicated the afternoon to socially-distanced team and trust building activities with their teachers. Our high school students collaborated and competed in cross-grade level teams in an epic scavenger hunt across campus—from building socially distanced human pyramids (with an imaginative mind, it can be done!) to recreating movie scenes in our outdoor amphitheater. Through the course of the afternoon, we saw our students develop new relationships, trust, and hopefully greater connection to their Summit family.

With this same importance, and with continued diligence in upholding health and safety procedures, we continue to work toward more opportunities for student play and socialization in service of their learning. Last week we reopened our playground for our lower school and will soon start a limited reopening of our climbing tower starting with our high school. We have also resumed our after-school sports workouts in anticipation of a November start to the fall sports season. All of these elements are in service of our students' growth and learning, nurturing the conditions for our students to strive academically and deepen their strength of character.

Reflecting on all that our students, teachers, and families have accomplished and continue to overcome in our first month of the school year, I feel incredibly proud and humbled to be a part of our Summit family.

With gratitude,

Kurt





FRONT OFFICE NEWS

IMPORTANT DATES

September 15: SCS Board Meeting at 4:30 in the Library

September 18: No School / Faculty Workday

October 20: SCS Board Meeting at 4:30 in the Library

October 22: End of Grading Period

October 23: No School / Faculty Workday

October 28: No School / Parent Teacher Conferences



SFA is collecting Ingles Advantage Card numbers for the Tools for Schools fundraiser!

- 1) Collect 5 different names with their Ingles Advantage Card numbers.
- 2) Email those names and numbers to onesummitfamily@gmail.com.
- 3) Elementary & Middle School students who turn in 5 numbers (per family) will get a free dress day on a date to be announced.
- 4) High School students who turn in 5 numbers (per family) will get a pizza party or an ice cream social.
- 5) Numbers are due Tuesday, September 22.

Boys & Girls Club Families:

We have some updates we wanted to share with you about our Membership Application for the 2020-2021 School Year.

First off, some exciting news! **Our Membership fees were finalized, and they will be \$12 for the year.** This will include all virtual and in-person programming offered. To register, visit <https://www.bgclplateau.org>. You can opt to pay online, by phone at 828-743-2775, or schedule a time to come in to pay.

We are working hard to bring programming to your children as soon as possible, and we now have a **start date for virtual programming and program supply drop-offs: Monday, September 21st!**

We are working towards providing in person programming as well and will get those dates out to you as soon as we know them.

Please be on the lookout for more information to come, and as always, if you have any questions, feel free to reach out.

Thank you,

Lea Gilbert
Membership & Office Coordinator



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