



GLEN LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

12 June 2021

Dear Laker Families:

Laughing, dancing, running through sprinklers, hugs, and enjoying every last minute of the school year was what I saw these last few days at school—and that was just the staff! The students were right there with us, of course, and we couldn't be any happier to have had the ending to a school year than the one we had this year. On behalf of the Board of Education and the outstanding group of educators who make up our Laker Staff, we want to thank you, as personally as we can, for your support, patience, understanding, kindness, encouragement and, most especially, for trusting us with your beautiful children each day. We are humbled by such trust; and we are committed to being worthy of that confidence once again next school year.

A few housekeeping items for you to be mindful of as we begin the summer:

- Our Virtual Instruction Team (VIT) has come to a close. We will assist families with finding and enrolling in a third party vendor if returning to school in the fall is still not a comfortable option for them.
- Summer school enrollments can still be made by contacting one of the school offices.
- The first day of school for the 2021-22 school year will once again be the Tuesday after Labor Day.
- The Laker Park and Playground is scheduled to open by the first day of school. Yet, we are already receiving communications that are letting us know that because of labor shortages and material backups, we may not see the arrival of the new playground pieces until late August or even early September. If we need to wait a period of time into the new school year for everything to be finalized, we will continue to have recess as we did this spring and enjoy even more the day when our students will have full range of access to the new park!

As I conclude this letter and our school year, a final thought:

If a hero is someone you look up to and admire; if a hero is someone who sacrifices time and energy for a greater good; if a hero is someone who, despite heavy odds against them rises to the occasion and overcomes the barriers placed before them; if a hero puts others before themselves—then to me—deeply and personally to me, my staff, everyone single one of them, is my hero. I love my staff. Like our students, they mean everything to me. They epitomize what a Laker should be, how they should act and how they should care for the welfare of another. They are the women and men your children look up to and learn from. There couldn't be a better group of people for them to associate with and have as their extended school family.

May each of you have a most wonderful summer with family and friends!

“We are...Glen Lake!”

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