August Greetings

Hello everyone,

This is just a quick email to give you a bit of an outline for what the start-up of school will look like.  As we work through our tasks here in the office getting things ready, I find myself getting more and more excited about next week and having the students back in the building.  Of course, I am also thoroughly enjoying this amazing weather.

Just so you are aware, we will spend the first few days working with our students in clusters rather than in homeroom classes.  This is designed so that we can get to know our new students, allow the new-year registration dust to settle, and so we can focus on school-wide themes to kick off our year.  We anticipate moving into homeroom classes on the first Monday but we will keep you posted.

We are excited to welcome several new staff this year and will send out our first regular newsletter sometime during the first week telling you all about them.  One significant change over the summer was Ms. Anjos was assigned to Birchland Elementary as acting principal.  While we are excited for Ms. Anjos and know she will be a wonderful asset to Birchland, we will definitely miss her positivity, her energy, and her wealth of knowledge of all things curricular.

Joining our team as vice principal is Dan Wyper who comes to us from Vancouver school district. I look forward to sharing this amazing community with him to start the year.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of us here in the office.

Cheers and see you soon (hopefully at the open house on September 28),

Darren Stewart

Principal, Como Lake Middle School