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Dear Ellerhorst Families,

<u>Great Start</u> - Distance Learning has complicated things for our community, for families, students and teachers. But we are all showing we can adapt, and adapt we have. We have connected with every student, and we have had very few absences so far. For those who have struggled to make it to their virtual class, we have been in contact with families, and are overcoming barriers. Technology issues are frustrating, but we are able to resolve them quickly so students can get into classes. We are still learning everyday, and we look to you for cooperation and patience while we build the best system in this new world for your children. If you have questions, contact your teacher.

<u>Back To School Night</u> - We are going to try this again, tonight, with our Virtual Back to School Night, where your teacher will connect with families about their class. Kindergarten through 3rd grades will have presentations starting at 5:30, and grades 4th through 6th will have presentations starting at 6:15. Teachers will provide their virtual meeting links.

Come to the Dads Club! - The first Dad's Club meeting will be held tomorrow, Tuesday, August 25, at 7 p.m. To get the Zoom Link, please contact the email address of EllerhorstDadsClub@gmail.com.

<u>PTA Invites You!</u> - PTA will have its first meeting of the year on Thursday, August 27, at 7 p.m. The <u>Zoom link</u> is on the Ellerhorst website calendar. There we will talk about activities and fundraisers we can do.

<u>Kona Ice Fundraiser</u> - Our first fundraiser is enjoying a Kona Ice at Ellerhorst. This is a drive through event, on Friday, August 28, from 4 to 6, at Ellerhorst. Please stay in your cars until you reach the truck.

<u>Spirit Wear</u> - Another way to support our school is by purchasing Spirit Wear. Now, you can buy Ellerhorst pajama bottoms, and Ellerhorst Facemasks. You can find these at <u>ellerhorst.spokencloth.com</u>

Attendance is Important - Remember, every class has a homeroom with live interaction with the teacher everyday at 10 a.m., including Fridays. Thank you for making sure your child logs on every day.

Office Hours - With the first week behind us, the office will be available by appointment only. Please connect with the office staff by phone or email. The office is closed on Fridays.

<u>Stay Connected</u> - We have included even more information on our school's website. Check it out at <u>www.wccusd.net/ellerhorst</u>. And most of our families are connecting to their classes and the school through ClassDojo. Thank you all for signing up. If you haven't connected to ClassDojo, check in with your teacher.

<u>School Board Meeting</u> - There is a school board meeting this week, which will review our opening of the schools these past few days, and discussion of how and when we are going forward to Phase 2. For those of you who like to follow along, join the <u>Zoom meeting</u>.

<u>Stay safe</u> - We all want to come back to school soon, so we hope everyone is doing their part to stay safe. No matter if it is coming to the school office, talking with neighbors, or coming to the PTA fundraiser on Friday for the Drive Through Kona Ice Truck, please maintain physical distancing, wear masks in public, and wash your hands.

<u>Busy Week</u> - So that is Back to School Night tonight, Dad's Club Tuesday, School Board Wednesday, PTA Thursday, and PTA Drive-Through fundraiser of Kona Ice at Ellerhorst on Friday.

<u>Be Charged</u> - Make sure your student gets a good night's rest all week, and that their Chromebook is plugged in each night. Thank you, and have a great week.

Greg Whaling Principal