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Dear Families and Students,

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer break and are excited to kick off the new school year with renewed energy and enthusiasm. Here is the link to the new [student handbook](#). Please sign and return page 65 on the first week of school.

As we prepare for a successful year ahead, we want to share some important updates regarding our school policies. These changes are designed to create a focused and secure learning environment for all students.

1. Cell Phone Policy:

In response to feedback from students, parents, and teachers, we have updated our cell phone policy to better support academic achievement and minimize distractions during school hours. Effective immediately:

- **Cell phones must be turned off and away during instructional time.**
- **Students are permitted to use their phones before school, after school, during passing and breaks.**
- **If a cell phone is seen or heard during instructional time without prior approval, we will use progressive discipline.**

We believe this policy will help students stay more engaged and focused during their classes, and we appreciate your support in reinforcing this change at home.

2. Closed Campus:

To enhance student safety and ensure a secure learning environment, our campus will remain closed throughout the school day. This means:

- **Students are required to stay on campus from the start of school until the end of the day.**
- **Visitors and parents must check in at the front office before entering any other areas of the school.**
- **High School students on the Honor Roll may apply for off campus privileges and follow the off campus rules by signing in and out of school.**

This policy aims to minimize disruptions and ensure that all students are accounted for while on school grounds. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and orderly environment for our students.

We look forward to a fantastic school year filled with growth, learning, and new achievements. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these new policies, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Here's to a great start to the new school year!

Mark Gudger

Principal Quilcene PK-12