

Dear SWES families,

Visiting classrooms has always been the favorite part of my role as Principal. Last week, I was able to resume those visits in earnest via Zoom and Google Meet. I'm amazed by their resilience, enthusiasm and desire to stay connected with their teachers and peers. Reassuring third graders that the Bike Rodeo will still take place for them when we return in the Fall, or sharing this picture from a text I received from Sunita Williams have become crucial and treasured parts of my job.



Connecting with your children, albeit online, is once again the highlight of my week!

Governor Baker's recent decision to keep all school buildings closed through the end of this school year, though somewhat expected, was also extremely sad for a lot of us, especially our students. On the other hand, with the uncertainty behind us, we now know we need to plan for a full eight weeks more of remote learning and must move forward.

In order to support parents and caregivers as we move into this next (and with any luck, last) phase of remote learning, we are going to schedule weekly forums for those of you interested in meeting with some of the staff and me to discuss topics related to supporting your children in this new learning environment. The first of these forums will happen (most likely as a Zoom meeting) this Wednesday, April 29th at 3:30pm. I will be sending out an invitation to all of you early next week. A recording of the meeting will be shared and posted on our school's website for those who cannot attend synchronously.

In the meantime, please remember that, as we all continue to do our best to calibrate the right model for remote learning, taking care of ourselves and our families is still everyone's main priority.

Hope to see you next Wednesday,

Mr. K