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Dear Families,

It is my pleasure to welcome all of you to the 2009-2010 school year. CCS is well into their first term and Skyview children are in their classrooms for the first time today. As always we thank you for trusting us to work with your students. We will do our best to move them forward academically, socially and behaviorally.

Our WASL scores indicate that our students are doing well. Their academic success and growth is a tribute to the dedication and skill of our teachers and of the families who love and support the CCS/Skyview kids. In all academic areas and in all tested grade levels, both schools scored better than our district, and matched or scored above the state. Lest we rest on our laurels this good news tells me that our students, teachers and families are ready for the challenges that lay ahead in this year. The world our kids will be adults in will require high levels of math, science, reading, writing, and critical thinking skills. To be well, and fully employed in their generation we must help them to maximize their learning now.

At this point in time we are still working on getting staffing “nailed down”. CCS has 2 classes with substitute teachers; Mrs. Warzon and Mr. Conley. Skyview has a 5th grade starting with a substitute teacher; Mr. Dickeson. I appreciate the work these teachers are doing and the patience they have shown as the district works through the process of getting everyone settled.

We will be welcoming CCS families to Open House this Thursday from 4:30-6:00. Skyview families will be joining us on September 17th from 6:00 to 7:15. Open house is a wonderful opportunity for you to get your general questions answered, hear from PTA, meet other parents,

and renew your connections at school. Please remember that Open House isn't an appropriate place to conference with your child's teacher. If you have specific questions about your student teachers are happy to set up a personal or phone conference time with you.

We are all concerned as students come back into large groups about passing viruses to one another. This happens every year and can't be helped. This is of particular concern this year because of the H1N1 virus. Good common sense will help us here too. Encourage your child to wash their hands, not to share food or drink and to "sneeze into their sleeve". When children are sick they must stay home, however, all of the rest of the time it is critical that they be here regularly.

All of our returning families know that our Parent Pick Up area is very congested at drop off and pick up times. The expectation is that adults will be courteous drivers and follow the direction of the pick up supervisors at all times. To avoid this congestion some of you are parking in the back lot by the play fields. This is an unsupervised area and **K-2 teachers will only dismiss students to that area if they can see you or if the child is picked up by a 3rd-8th sibling/buddy**. I know you understand the need to keep our youngest children safe.

Please know that we want your involvement with your school. Teachers are looking for parent volunteers, PTA needs help, and we are all here to respond to your questions when needed. Enjoy your child this year. The years will go quickly and soon this time of year will involve dropping them off at college.

All my best,

Chiere Martyn☺