

## **Highland Families,**

### **Next Year....**

We finished our summer school programs on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. We added a high school session as well as kindergarten boot camp. In all we had about 75 students participate in summer learning and hopefully it was productive. Now we can look forward to our start date of August 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be in-person only for the 21-22 school year. Online options will be available only to families who have special circumstances.

### **What we learned....**

Last year we had lower rates of the common illnesses like colds and strep throat in our buildings. We credit that to families keeping their sick children home. We plan to continue to implement some of our handwashing and disinfecting practices as well as encouraging students not to attend school if they are ill. With assignments available through google classroom, this system seems reasonable. We are not planning to require covid vaccinations or masking for the upcoming school year.

### **Critical Race Theory....**

I would be hard pressed to provide a great definition of CRT and so I won't make the attempt. It is in the news frequently so it may be worth addressing with you. In short, we will not be teaching CRT. Instead, we will do our best to teach the facts about America's history. Our country has both good and bad aspects in our past that we can all learn from, no need to try to reinvent history or diminish anyone due to the color of their skin. As mentioned, CRT is a hot topic in the media and if you have concerns or comments about our approach, don't hesitate to reach out to the building principals or myself.

### **New Projects....**

New sidewalk at the middle school, parking lot cameras, warranty work in the Ault parking lot and a baseball field renovation are just a few of the projects that we are working on this summer. We have a long list of interior improvements planned as well. We also have a maintenance position open. If you know of anyone looking for this kind of work, please direct them to our website [www.weldre9.org](http://www.weldre9.org) or stop by the district office for details.

### **What we need from you....**

All returning families need to log into the Infinite Campus parent portal and refresh their student's registration information prior to the start of school on August 17<sup>th</sup>.