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Satori School Update ~ February 12, 2021

Dear Satori School Students and Families,

Every time I sit and write an email, I look at the date and it surprises me. February is halfway over and moving mighty fast. As one student said to me today, "All the days seem to roll into each other." Thank you to everyone who has filled out the Intent to Return Survey for the 2021-2022 school year. This is such a difficult time because in order to hire staff and put students in the right classrooms, I need an idea of our student count. So, thank you. I am getting questions on what next year looks like and I am not sure how to answer them yet. Our hope is to have students safely back at school, but time will tell. I am happy to say that we did get staff in for vaccines at the head of the line and we are starting with our second round now. Please check your emails and Remind from your teachers on a regular basis in case they have had a reaction from their second vaccination. I have heard it hits a little harder than the first.

My meetings with PCHD are going well. They have decided they are no longer going to suggest whether or not we should go hybrid or remote. They feel that all schools have been doing a good job on mitigation plans and are leaving the choice to us. That being said, unless there is a sudden upward trend of cases in Pima County, I am comfortable opening the school for hybrid in-person learning for 5th-8th grade on March 1st. I will confirm no later than February 24th. For those students coming back to hybrid, Extended Care will be offered until 5:00pm. There is an hourly charge of \$7.00 an hour and may be used only on the days your child comes to school. We will need to know ahead of time so I can staff accordingly. If you would like Extended Care, please email me at jo@satorischool.org and let me know your child will need care and which days.

Thank you for helping us make the best of this crazy situation we are all in and please let me know if you have any questions.

Have a wonderful Valentine's Day. If you don't celebrate, you can always bake a cake and celebrate the birthday of Arizona!

Much love,

Jo