

Dear Sea Cliff Families,

We are so excited to welcome you back to **Sea Cliff School** for the 2016-2017 school year!

Over the past year, we have begun to incorporate our North Shore District Shared Value Outcomes (SVO's) into our school community, curriculum, special events and celebrations. We will continue this journey by asking students to explore the following question:

***“How can I use my “SVO Superpowers” (collaboration, communication, innovation/creative thinking, problem solving and critical thinking), to build a better self and build a better world?”***

This year, we want students to explore their own personal connection to the SVO's by setting goals (that they determine) and connecting those goals to the “SVO Superpower” that is related. We will be meeting with students as a grade level throughout the year to set and review these goals, celebrate progress, and discuss the important concepts of growth mindset, mindfulness and empathy.

**As we approach the first week of school, please keep the following information in mind:**

#### **Food In Classroom**

As per the new Board of Education Wellness policy #5405, food will not be permitted for in school for celebrations at any time beginning on 9/1/16. We will of course celebrate birthdays and a list of possible non-food options will sent shortly. ***Your child should pack a snack every day; snack will not be provided by the school.***

#### **Calendar, Specials and Lunch**

We will begin our journey on **Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>** and follow the schedule below for the first week of school:

<b>Date</b>	<b>School Day Starts At:</b>	<b>School Day Ends At:</b>	<b>Length of Day</b>
<b>Tuesday, 9/6</b>	8:25 AM	11:40 AM	Half Day
<b>Wednesday, 9/7</b>	8:25 AM	11:40 AM	Half Day
<b>Thursday, 9/8</b>	8:25 AM	2:40 PM (2:30 for Kindergarten)	Full Day
<b>Friday, 9/9</b>	8:25 AM	2:40 PM (2:30 for Kindergarten)	Full Day

Please note that Thursday, 9/8 will be our first full day of school and the first day in which school lunch will be served in the cafeteria for students in grades 1-5. Kindergarten students will begin purchasing lunch on Monday, 9/19. Lunch menus will be sent home but can also be found at: [http://www.northshoreschools.org/Menus/Elementary\\_lunch-menu.htm](http://www.northshoreschools.org/Menus/Elementary_lunch-menu.htm) . All questions about lunch policies and purchasing lunch can be found in the Sea Cliff School Student and Parent Handbook found at: [http://www.northshoreschools.org/Sea-Cliff/Student\\_Handbook.pdf](http://www.northshoreschools.org/Sea-Cliff/Student_Handbook.pdf) or by going to the “Policies and Forms” section of the website. This handbook also provides information on all school policies.

**Specials will begin on Thursday, 9/8. A calendar with cycle days and color team schedules can be found**

at: [http://www.northshoreschools.org/Calendars/SC3-5Specials\\_ScheduleCalendar.pdf](http://www.northshoreschools.org/Calendars/SC3-5Specials_ScheduleCalendar.pdf) . Your child's teacher will send home a specials calendar on Tuesday, 9/6 or Wednesday, 9/7.

#### **Dismissal**

Please be sure to notify your child's teacher in writing of the way in which your child should regularly be dismissed, beginning on the first day of school. Changes to the normal pick up arrangements should be noted using a **“Change in going Home Arrangements” form**, found at: <http://www.northshoreschools.org/Sea-Cliff/ChangeGoingHome.pdf> .

**Students will be dismissed according to class:**

	<b>Front Door</b>	<b>Franklin Avenue Door with Stairs (Closer to Carpenter Avenue)</b>	<b>Franklin Avenue Door (Closer to Auditorium)</b>	<b>Auditorium Doors</b>	<b>Littleworth Lane Door</b>
<b>Classes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ms. Cunneen</li><li>All Grade 3 Classes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ms. Goetz/Ms. Hassani</li><li>Ms. Mazur/Ms. Hassani</li><li>Mrs. Robertson</li><li>All Grade 4 Classes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ms. Dowd</li><li>Ms. Roberts</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ms. Callahan</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ms. Lamberti/Ms. Marteena</li><li>Ms. Morley</li><li>All Grade 5 Classes</li></ul>

Please feel free to contact Dr. Z or the main office with questions at any time!

We are looking forward to an amazing school year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Z, SCS Faculty and SCS Staff