



Oct. 17, 2017

Dear West Families,

What a joy to have our students back today. We gathered together for an All School Assembly to sing songs and celebrate our return to school.

REMINDER:

Wednesday is regular day schedule (no early release)
Thursday is regular day schedule
Friday is regular day schedule

Parent-Teacher conferences will be re-scheduled in the near future by each classroom teacher.

Air Quality Update

After researching air quality for Healdsburg we learned that most of the air quality websites are all reading from one single sensor in Western Santa Rosa/Sebastopol leading to much misinformation regarding air quality in the North County.

Although there are many apps and websites reporting air quality, there is only one Air Quality sensor/reading station in Healdsburg. The one located on the Senior Center only reports data to the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution District. Its data can be found at <http://www.nosocoair.net/air-quality.html>. When visiting this site refer to the colored square immediately below Healdsburg or whatever town you'd like to locate on the large local map (if on a smart phone, you have to turn it sideways.) This is the AQI, or Air Quality Indicator.

We will be monitoring air quality regularly using the Northern Sonoma County Data, which is the air quality district we live in and provides more precise data when determining safety for our staff and students. We plan to have business as usual if we are in the green or yellow zones on the AQI. When reaching high yellow or orange numbers, we will have indoor recess/PE. If in red zone before school starts, we will cancel classes for the day. If it changes to red in the middle of the day in the middle of the day, we will most likely continue, as students are much better off in our high quality filtered environments than at home.