

Dear Families & Caregivers,

I hope this finds you enjoying these last few days before school begins. I always find that summer seems so long when it starts in June and then is over so quickly! This has been a busy week for WCUUSD - our faculty and staff began their inservice days on Wednesday in their buildings, and then on Thursday we were all able to gather at U-32 for district-wide convocation. It felt wonderful to be able to reconnect in this way after more than two years away. It truly was a great way to start the year!

Celebrations

As part of our district opening, we were able to celebrate new staff, our Teachers of the Year and those of us who have dedicated many years of service to WCUUSD. A special congratulations to Meg Dawkins (Elementary Teacher of the Year) and Krista Dy (Middle/High School Teacher of the Year), Ellen Cooke (30 years at WCUUSD!) and Robin Gannon (40 years at WCUUSD!).



Affirming Our Humanity & Justice Commitment

You may already be aware of WCUUSD's commitment to ensuring our schools are welcoming, inclusive spaces for all. At convocation Thursday, we grounded our professional learning work for the year by reflecting on the [vision statement](#) that articulates our district's commitment to humanity and justice. Over the course of this school year I hope to share with you some of the professional learning and reflection activities that our full faculty and staff will be engaged in. It is exciting to continue this critical work.

Save the Date!

On **Wednesday, September 7th**, at our Community Forum, the WCUUSD Board and I will host an informal meet & greet from 6:00-7:00 pm at U-32. The forum will be an opportunity for you to meet your Board members (and me!), learn about the Washington Central structure and how we work together across the system in support of all our learners. We also hope to begin gathering input about ways to engage our communities over the course of this year. Light refreshments will be provided. We look forward to meeting you! We will send additional details and a more specific invitation shortly.

Come work with us!

Interested in joining our schools and being part of these wonderful communities in a different way? We still have plenty of opportunities! Visit the [job openings](#) section of our website or www.schoolspring.com to learn more.

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