



Dear Families & Caregivers,

As we continue our welcome back activities across the district, I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge that we're a little more than halfway through Pride Week in Vermont (September 9th to the 18th)! For more information on events and activities, including Burlington's Pride Parade on September 18th, you can visit [PrideVT.org](http://PrideVT.org). In addition, yesterday marked the first day of Hispanic Heritage Month. We celebrate the Hispanic and Latinx communities from September 15 - October 15, dates that coincide with a number of independence celebrations in several Latin American countries. Check out more information about National Hispanic Heritage Month [here](#).

### District Happenings

The first several weeks of school are a time for building relationships and norms in our classroom and beginning to solidify instructional routines for students. As part of our ongoing efforts to ensure an aligned, transparent and consistent curriculum across the district, our elementary teachers spent time in August continuing their professional learning with Curriculum Associates, the consultants supporting the ongoing work in mathematics in WCUUSD. This was a great opportunity to reflect on our work together - revisiting our curriculum maps and setting goals for instruction this year.

### Family Resources

High school families recently received a message from Steven Dellinger-Pate, U-32 Principal, about an uptick in cases of Hand, Foot and Mouth disease at U-32. The Department of Health has let us know that they are seeing increases across the state, and have been advising the school health team at U-32 about ways to prevent spread. We can mitigate spread by washing our hands, disinfecting surfaces and trying to avoid sharing water bottles! Check out [this site](#) for more information.

### We (still) Need You!

Interested in maintenance, custodial or food service work? Do you enjoy working with students of all age levels? We still have plenty of positions open in Washington Central! Visit the [job openings](#) section of our website or [www.schoolspring.com](http://www.schoolspring.com) to learn more about joining our team.

Warmly,

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