

April 23, 2021

Dear SBCSC families,

This week our elementary school principals and teachers welcomed new families and students during our annual Kindergarten Round-Up. Remember that all are welcome to attend these open houses again next week, Wednesday, April 28 from 9 a.m. to noon, and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. You can learn more about these events by visiting our website, www.sb.school.

Also this week, Career and Technical Education students in the criminal justice class at Clay High School received a visit from Alcohol, Fire, and Tobacco (ATF)'s Assistant Special Agent Brendan Iber. Students learned about K9 training with demonstrations from their ATF K9, forensic firearm identification, and the career.

The weather on Wednesday wasn't ideal for aviation technology students to fly at the Plymouth airport with the AlphaFlight aviation company, but they braved the cold. So much of the education our students receive relies on outstanding community partnerships, and I'm pleased to see these programs providing real pathways to career success.

While our country remains divided by racism and hate, this week, we received news of renewed hope for our justice system and the lives of our black and brown brothers and sisters. The presence of racial inequality is very real in our community, and we must continue to do all we can to advance justice and bring about lasting equity. We must work for peace in the name of George Floyd and all who suffer from bigotry and violence.

I want to express my thanks to all of our administrative assistants and secretaries. We could not do the work of educating our students without you.

I hope you celebrated Earth Day this week. Thanks to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Principal William Waskom and his third grade teachers for sending their Kennedy Academy students home with their very own trees to plant this week. Remember that next Thursday, our Darden students will be celebrating their nature art show from 5:30-7:30 p.m. I'm looking forward to seeing all they've made.

On Monday, April 26, we'll have our Board meeting at Washington High School. The meeting will still be live-streamed from our district YouTube page. Those who attend in person are asked to wear masks. I hope you'll join.

I hope you have a restful weekend, and enjoy the somewhat more pleasant weather. Read a book, watch a classic film, and listen to an album.

Thanks for all you do for our students. Sincerely,

C. Todd Cummings, Ph.D. Superintendent of Schools