

February 19, 2021

Dear SBCSC families,

On Monday, February 22, we'll be welcoming our elementary students back to four days of in-person learning each week. Thanks to all of our teachers and staff whose hard work has allowed these learners to return to the classroom safely.

Please join me in congratulating our Nuner Knights! Their third graders have progressed to the second bracket of the Read to the Final Four statewide reading competition. These students are putting in a great deal of time turning lots of pages as they blaze their way toward the championship. Let's keep cheering them along.

This week, our friends at WNDU aired a <u>special seament</u> about our students during their "The Lost Year: Setbacks and Successes" series. I'd like to thank reporter Ibrahim Samra for his skillful storytelling, and for highlighting the incredible talent of Riley High School junior cellist Matthew Williams, Adams High School junior and mock-trial team member Connor McKenna, and Clay High School senior and theater student Evan Covey for their truly inspirational stories. These students, along with their teachers, have demonstrated to all of us what it means to persevere during this unprecedented time.

At 7 p.m. this evening at Adams High School, the boys' basketball team will compete against Riley. Tomorrow night, the Washington Panthers will take part in the girls' semi-state competition against Norwell. I'll be heading to Washington High School tomorrow morning at 9:30 to send them off. We wish our athletes the best of luck and are very proud of your hard work this season.

Remember to take some time to unplug this weekend and keep up the good work with washing hands, masking up, and keeping your distance from one another. Be safe, and thank you for a great week.

Sincerely,

Superintendent of Schools