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Dear Parents,

Well, things have certainly been busy around here, despite the long weekend! As you may have heard we have had a few cases of COVID pop up in school. While we are trying to contact trace as much as possible, we did decide to quarantine two classes, grade 3 and grade 1 because of the number of children who may have been in close contact with the positive cases we had. Parents of those classes will get information from Jaci Donahue, our school nurse, as to procedures and the return to school.

We have been hearing of other events and cases in the community. I will once again ask that you keep track of where your children are going and who they are spending time with. I know it has been a long 18 months, but we are getting to the end (hopefully) and we need to stay diligent a little longer.

The best thing to do is to monitor your children for any symptoms and keep them home if they exhibit any. If you have concerns, please have them tested. There are several places around where that can be done, I have found the easiest to be the Westerly Police Department who conducts testing daily. You can register online for an appointment, or I am told, call directly to set up an appointment.

Overall numbers of cases in the country, and in the state, appear to be going down. While the virus seems to go in cycles, I am hopeful that we are getting closer to the end. But that said, I think we can all agree that this virus is never going to really go away. We are going to have to learn to live with it and try to keep everyone as free from it as possible. Keeping your children home from school when they do not feel well is the first step.

Overall, we have done a great job here. We have seen cases earlier than last year, but everyone is still working together to keep the kids safe. I am confident that we can get through this round and have another successful year. Meanwhile let's continue to pray to St. Michael for his protection.

God Bless,

Doris Messina