Dear Willamette families,

I hope you are all still enjoying your summers and finding ways to stay cool with  another heatwave on the horizon.  At Willamette, even as our office is stationed at Rosemont Ridge for the summer, we are preparing for and excited about the upcoming school year, welcoming our students back 5 full days a week.

One of the traditions many families enjoy when summer begins to wind down is back to school shopping. For others, this can cause stress and financial challenges as families feel the need to make sure their child has everything just right before school begins. This year our PTA will be purchasing all school supplies with a few exceptions. Of course, families are welcome to purchase supplies if they so choose, but no family should feel the need to purchase supplies- the school will have everything your child will need.

**Here are the items you should purchase, but again, if this is a challenge we will have these on hand for your child:**

* A backpack
* A lunch box (with their name written on it)
* For 4th and 5th graders: a TI-108 calculator and 3 ring binders

As the year progresses, other supply needs may come up and your child’s teacher will reach out with these details if needed.

A huge thank you to our Willamette PTA for making sure all teachers, each child, and every family have what they need as we prepare for school to begin. We are incredibly fortunate at Willamette to have the support of such a generous and thoughtful community!

Next week I will be sharing a message with details regarding staffing assignments and important dates as we prepare for the 2021-22 school year. Until then, I hope you are well and stay cool!

With thanks,

Patrick