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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to another wonderful school year at Rose Creek Elementary! I loved seeing the children and staff return rested after a nice, long summer. Thank you, parents, for helping your children get back into the school routine. It's not easy with such nice weather, but it's sure appreciated.

I am thrilled to report our SAGE proficiency scores from our spring testing. As you can see, scores are up and moving in the right direction over time! Teachers and students focused extensively on targeted learning goals in ELA (English Language Arts) and we finally made a much-needed climb. When I showed the students the results of their hard work during our opening assembly, 8% gain in proficiency, they cheered so loudly I thought for sure you might have heard them. While the work we do collectively is not driven by test scores, it is evidence of the good things that continue to happen at Rose Creek. SAGE growth scores came out at the end of last week and I will share that data with you in a few weeks. Again, kudos to our students and staff.

Celebration!

SAGE Proficiency

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
ELA	48%	48%	48%	56%
Math	44%	58%	57%	60%
Science	43%	49%	53%	57%

Along those lines, we will soon be setting specific learning goals based on data from multiple measures to give our students support in their learning trajectories. Watch for those learning targets in the hall when you visit the school beginning in October. In fact, ask your child to explain what they see on their grade level data board.

The students are excited about our upcoming Fun Run sponsored by the PTA. Thank you, parents, for your support. The PTA board has worked hard to lessen the burden on families while still maintaining important school programs. Well over half of the funds raised from the Fun Run will be given directly back to the school for field trips. We would have a difficult time sponsoring any field trips without the PTA support. Again, thank you for your support.

We continue to build a Leader in Me community by actively teaching Stephen R. Covey's 7 Habits. We will focus on one habit a month and would love to have you follow along with us at home. The habits are powerful tools in learning how to master oneself (habits 1-3) and to work effectively with others (habits 4-6) followed by habit 7 which teaches how to live a balanced life.

I am impressed by the hard work, dedication, and love for learning that I see in our students and staff. I see it in you, too, parents and I'm grateful every day to work with you at Rose Creek Elementary.

Life is Good!

Tami Bird