

Principal's Update (9/19):

-It has been a positive start to the school year!

-Our first of many community days was on 9/10. Students engaged in their Community Base groups with their teacher facilitators for one hour to begin developing connections and the purpose of our community days. Lessons for each day are created by our Restorative Practices Team, which is comprised of teachers, administrators and teaching assistants. This summer we even had student advisory members to Additional information about community base groups:

- This year we are focusing on our motto "Take Care of Yourself, Take Care of Others, Take Care of Bay Trail" through a variety of activities. This past Community Day activities were as follows (focused on self):
 - Played a "Name Web" activity/game to get to know members of the group
 - Reflected on a quote about the importance of connecting/connection
 - Completed an Identity wheel with the following categories: Favorite music, food, movie, color, book, # of siblings and 3 adjectives to describe self
 - Shared out with peers about these personal characteristics
 - Created a "key" with each students name and one characteristic (colored and filled in)
 - Played a "think fast" memory game as groups and partnerships

-Spirit week was a blast at Bay Trail! Students and teachers participated to show their Homecoming spirit.

-Parent/Caregiver supervision was SO appreciated at Homecoming festivities on Friday evening. The new policy requires any student under grade 8 to have a parent/guardian on site in the event of an emergency. Please know that we appreciate parents supporting this new policy and the support was felt on Friday night!

-A recent communication from Dr. Maloney about the PCSD Grading Pilot has brought up some great questions. Please know there is a parent opportunity in October to connect and learn more about the district pilot K-12. I am always happy to connect with Bay Trail specific questions, but individual communications will be sent by classroom teachers to clarify their grading practices this year. No grading scales will be changed this year, and students will continue to receive report cards quarterly and also be graded on a 1-100 grading scale in the classes that previously used this scale. More to come!

-Open House was a wonderful success! Thank you to all parents and caregivers who were able to attend and meet our staff. It is always a wonderful event.