## Falcon Families,

We have officially made it through one of the most difficult years... and we have done it together! If there is one beautiful lesson that I have learned this year, it has been that children can do hard things. We can wear masks, we can love unconditionally during crisis, and we can continue choosing to be happy despite all of it. I love how together this year we have focused on the Golden Gate Pledges that have helped us develop our character and learn important life lessons. I say we because these are skills that we celebrate in our students as well as our adults. What a great year to do this together!!!

I hope that this summer can be full of rest and relaxation for our Falcons! I know last summer was very different than usual. I'm excited to hear about all of the fun family time and travel that will be had. We hope our community takes the time to recharge for the upcoming year.

I am excited about next year and the new and exciting things that are on the horizon for Elk Meadows. I am continuously grateful for the most supportive community. Thank you for sending your most precious treasures, your children, to us every day! I hope you know how much I enjoy being the principal of this great school. I can't wait to open our doors again to our community. I think after this year we will all value smiles and connection a little bit more. Have a fantastic summer Falcons! We can't wait to learn and grow with you in the 2021-2022 school year!

Love, Mrs. Smith