Hello KM Community,

As we end our first full week of school, I wanted to send a message of gratitude to our families. Thank you for entrusting us with your children. It is a great honor to be a part of their lives, to help them develop academically, and to provide character development skills. It is noticeable throughout the school that there is a general sentiment of respect and regard for one another, whether it is student to student, staff to students, or staff to staff. Combined, this makes for such a nurturing and caring environment.

I also wanted to thank the parent community for your participation and involvement. Back to school night was well-attended. Our first PTA meeting had excellent attendance. They are planning for some great community-building events including Movie Night and Trunk-or-Treat (more info coming soon). I have also appreciated the safe and respectful approach everyone has been taking during drop-off and pick-up times. I really enjoy the opportunity to have casual conversations with parents and students.

Scott Bain, Principal

"There is more to us than we know. If we can be made to see it, perhaps for the rest of our lives we will be unwilling to settle for less." -Kurt Hahn
Preparation for the 2324 School Year

Prior to the beginning of the school year, our staff spent much of our time in training and setting up classrooms. We also made it a point to get outside for team building games at the Genesee Outdoor Center. Here staff worked together to solve puzzles and supported each other to take healthy risks.

At the school, the staff worked together to create a list of essential elements that combine to make King-Murphy Mountain School such a magical place. Here is what we came up with.

**The gift of place...**
Our mountain location is a beautiful space that allows kids to learn outside in a natural (nature-based) environment that is self-regulating and calming for both students and staff.

**A close-knit community...**
King-Murphy Mountain School’s small community brings a sense of connectedness where everyone-- families, students, and staff--know each other. This connectedness leads to trusting relationships and intimate friendships.

**A dedicated staff...**
Our staff has diverse experiences and are willing to embrace new opportunities that lead to developing experiential, nontraditional learning.

**A variety of support is evident...**
We are supported by our district and our community with the opportunity to have specialist teachers that provide extended learning which contributes to the success of our nontraditional vision.

**Fabulous Instructional ParaProfessionals...**
We have Instructional Paras that have a high ability to support students both academically and socially emotionally. They are hard working, always go above and beyond, and we are very lucky to have them on our staff!

**Parent and PTA involvement...**
We love our families! Our parents and our PTA are committed to our school and our vision.