September 7, 2012

Dear Families

Welcome to another school year at Castle Rock Elementary. We look forward to working with you and your family.

The purpose of this letter is to reaffirm our commitment to the success of ALL students and to inform you that we are still working to improve. During the summer, Castle Rock Elementary was identified as an Emerging school based on an analysis of student achievement in relationship to how we compare with other schools in our state. This analysis specifically identified that our students with special needs has/have not met our goals or expectations over the past three years (on state assessments in Reading and Mathematics OR with respect to graduation rates).

To increase learning outcomes for all of our students, we are taking the following action steps over the course of the school year:

- Utilize our plan of improvement determined by our Needs Assessment completed during last year to identify strengths and challenges in our school.
- Identify next steps we will take to improve learning outcomes for our students, by completing our “Student and School Success Action Plan”; the plan must be submitted to the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction for review and approval.
- Implement our plan and examine a variety of data to ensure we are making progress.
- Families will be encouraged to participate in math and literacy events

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More details about the movement of our state, district, and school in pursuit of ongoing improvement for all our students can be found at [http://www.k12.wa.us/ESEA/PublicNotice.aspx](http://www.k12.wa.us/ESEA/PublicNotice.aspx).

We are committed to continued growth as we work together to support our most valuable resource, our children.

Sincerely,

Julie Davidson
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Castle Rock School District