Dear Parents,

My name is Edward J. Smith, principal of West Vincent Elementary School and the OJR Cyber Academy. On behalf of all the elementary school principals, we would like to welcome you to the 2020-2021 OJR Cyber Academy. You are receiving this communication because you have submitted your intentions to enroll your child(ren) into the cyber academy. If this is inaccurate, please contact me at edsmith@ojrsd.net to make a change in your child’s academic placement.

As almost everyone is aware, the Owen J. Roberts School District has never implemented an elementary cyber program before this upcoming school year. While this is new for the District, the entire elementary team has approached this challenge with motivation, dedication, family-centeredness, and all our energies to providing every student with the quality education expected of our great District.

As a representative of all elementary principals, I ask that you provide me with productive feedback as we work through some of the inevitable bumps in the road throughout the school year.

The elementary school principals are working together to staff the Cyber Academy with our OJR teachers and are now starting to build class assignments. There are over 1,000 students who will be assigned to teachers from all five elementary schools. Every effort is being made to place students with teachers from their base school, but there could be classes with a mix of students and teachers from other schools. It is crucial to principals and teachers that every child in the Cyber Academy has a connection to their elementary school, friends, and school activities. We will work to maintain these relationships, no matter the placement throughout the entire school year.

Parents, this note is the first communication of many that will be coming your way in the days and weeks ahead. You can expect information on class assignments, schedules, cyber specific school supply lists, expected norms for students to follow, and, most importantly, how school information will be communicated to you throughout the school year. While I may be sending pertinent information and responding to parents throughout the school year, each building principal will be available to parents for questions, issues, and concerns.

Lastly, we are looking forward to the challenges and rewards that the upcoming school year will bring for each of us. Through an environment of mutual respect, listening, responsiveness, and flexibility between home and school, we will be able to offer your child(ren) an enriching OJR Cyber Academy experience.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Edward Smith
West Vincent Elementary
OJR Cyber Academy