



Inspire4 Student and Families,

Well, we've made history together this year! We have survived a world pandemic, started the first online school at Weld RE-4, and we are now closing the first school in the history of the district. It has been such a wild and crazy 10 months for all of us, and along the way we have learned so much about who we are as learners, leaders, educators and supporters. We collectively learned what we are capable of accomplishing when faced with adversity, change, and the unknown.

We did give up a LOT this year. But in the wake of inconvenience, we found out that we can do so much more than we could have ever imagined.

Our Inspire4 family (students, staff and families) can....

- Creatively communicate without being face-to-face
- Think critically and solve complex problems
- Self start and navigate uncharted waters
- Create order out of ambiguity
- Appreciate the little things that we used to take for granted.
- Make tough decisions that have long-lasting implications
- Stand for what is right – even when others won't stand with you
- Protect yourself and others – even when it isn't always comfortable
- Look at a tough situation - one you have very little control over, and focus on the blessings within

As we close out our inaugural year at Inspire4, I'm just so incredibly proud of each and every staff member, student and family member that made this journey possible. It wasn't a bit easy at times, but you persevered.

What is our responsibility as we move forward? Students, you will be called upon for many generations to come - to describe and define what you've just collectively experienced. When you are a sweet little old lady or an old man in the grocery store wearing a baseball hat that says "I Survived the Great Pandemic of 2020-21" What will you say when you are stopped and asked, "What was it like?" What will you say? What story will you embrace from here on out that turns something with so many negatives into a positive?

The true meaning of success is being able to find beauty in the ashes, make lemonade from the lemons and focus on the opportunity we have to embrace what we've been through...and learn and grow through it.

We are proud of you, kiddos! I'm proud of you, teachers! We are grateful for you, parents!

The world is looking to us to work together to shape the future....and it couldn't be in better hands! Thank you for spending your year with us at Inspire4!

With much love and a grateful heart,

Mrs. Bowman

