



Subject: KMS Community Update 2-12-21

Dear Khalsa Community,

This week the rate of new positive COVID-19 cases in Arizona continues to fall. Vaccinations have been extended to people 65 years and older beginning Monday. This is part of the phased vaccination plan that the Arizona Department of Health Services has prioritized. Khalsa staff continue to be vaccinated as well.

February is when we formally assess our final year students for their anticipated move to the next level in the coming school year. Our goal is to provide a calm and low-key atmosphere for this process. We recognize that this past year is unique. The Student Study Teams have discussed all students and as a whole, will evaluate them knowing these circumstances that are beyond all of our control. We believe in the resiliency of our students and we will continue to support their educational needs.

Have you noticed? All the campuses have benefited from gardening projects that students have helped create with the assistance of Khalsa staff. Check out Khalsa's social media accounts to see what the various projects have been. The desire to create beauty in our environments is a basic Montessori principle that supports the development of the whole child. We appreciate you being a part of the Khalsa community. Enjoy the long weekend and get outside, it's beautiful!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Karen Pugh", is located at the bottom of the page.

Karen Paxton  
School Director