

Monday, September 21, 2020

Parents, Guardians, and Sky Islanders,



On Wednesday of this week, September 23, Sky Islands will welcome to campus **Elizabeth Oberreiter, Director**, Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

It will be a virtual visit as part of the process toward WASC accreditation. Liz will ‘visit’ with school staff, parents and students, and ‘attend’ a few classes throughout the day. This is a process that was started a year ago and the in-person visit scheduled for last April will now take place remotely this week. Following a successful visit, Sky Islands will receive provisional accreditation and be one step closer to the recognition that our teachers and academic program have earned.

We are proud of the transition to remote instruction that our teachers and Sky Islanders have made. Together they are staying in touch and pursuing coursework at a good pace. I know that this is not the best world, and it is certainly not the one we’d choose. Your help and support has been consistent and is very much appreciated.

Please note that teachers have posted office hours on the SkyLink at <https://skyislands.org/class-blogs/>. Teachers are available virtually for students to get help during those times and at other times by appointment.

At this time, we do not have plans to reopen Sky Islands in-person this fall. That could change as public health guidance changes, but COVID seems to be making a return in many places and we are in a wait-and-see status right now. Your health and that of our Sky Islanders and staff is our priority. We will continue to update you as we go forward.

Best regards,

*Shari*

*Dr Shari Popen*

Director/Sky Islands School