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Dear West Sedona School Families & Caregivers,

My name is Jessica Sweeney and I have the privilege of working with your amazing children in the Wildcat Extended Day Program. I'd like to briefly tell you about my professional background and the goals for the program this school year.

I have been working with children and families for the past twenty-four years. I received my undergraduate and graduate degree in education in my home state of Massachusetts. My husband and I also lived in Rhode Island for many years, where I established a Montessori toddler program.

Eleven years ago, we moved to the desert and I started another educational program for Khalsa Montessori School. In Sedona, I taught kindergarteners in a nature based program, and I worked for four years with fourth through sixth graders at Sedona Charter School. I have loved every part of my professional journey, and have learned so much from the children I've encountered along the way. I look forward to developing great relationships with you and your children too!

The main goals for extended day include:

Keeping students safe, engaged, and busy

Providing lessons and activities that complement the general curriculum

Tutoring opportunities and special in-class "field trips" throughout the year

Project based learning and process art experiences

Fun!

While your child is in our care, their cell phones or devices will be placed in a communal basket accessible to adults. This prevents distractions and alleviates the possibility of accessing inappropriate websites or apps. You may reach me or the extended day staff at our landline: (928) 204 - 6610

Additionally, I have created another classroom space for students in K-2. Room 907 will be utilized at various points in the day. If you are the parent of a student in K-2, please note that they may be on the playground, in the cafeteria/multi-purpose room, or in room 907. With an additional classroom space teachers may incorporate art, lessons, and tutoring more easily. Students in grades 3-5 will continue to use room 913, as well as the playground.

As we begin our exciting school year, I will personally introduce myself when you come to pick up your student. In the meantime, you may reach me at:
sweeney@sedonak12.org.

Here's to a great year ahead!

Sincerely,
Jess