

EPS Community,

It is with a heavy heart that I bring you news of my departure from Eastside Prep. My husband was offered the opportunity to work in Texas and with the baby on the way we decided to accept the offer to be closer to family. My last day in Washington State will be April 14th, but I will be continuing to teach Wellness remotely until the end of the year. Words cannot describe my gratitude for this community. Over the last 5 years as the Athletic Trainer and Wellness teacher, I have been filled with so much love, laughter and moments I will take with me for a lifetime. EPS will always be a special place and from the bottom of my heart THANK YOU ALL for letting me experience a little piece of it.

Parents, thank you for raising some wonderful individuals and for the continuous support you've given me! From the yummy goodie bags from the parent association to the conversations on the sideline, y'all have always been able to put a smile on my face! For those of you who don't know me...well, that is probably a good thing because it means your child probably hasn't sustained a serious sport injury! Thank you all again for being an essential part of this community and making my experience here a great one!

Students, I absolutely hate that most of you are going to find out I'm leaving from this email. I wish I could tell each one of you in person how much I will miss you and express how you've impacted me as a person and professional, but sadly that is not the case. I was thinking the other day and realize that I have either taught or treated almost every single one of you over the years. WHOA! Can you believe it? From the many sport injuries (shout out to my frequent flyers) to my apparently "legendary" stories in Wellness, we have shared many memorable moments with each other and truly there are NO WORDS to describe how much I care for all of you! I know for many of you I am "just" your teacher or athletic trainer, but we've spent many years together and change is never easy. I hope you'll remember me. I hope my kindness made you feel safe. I hope that my classroom was a place that you learned many things and my athletic training room was a place you felt heard in your time of need. I hope that you recognize your greatness, and that you have deep self-love and confidence in yourself because YOU ARE AWESOME! Always remember the fact that you matter, you are powerful and you have the ability to do and conquer anything. Thank you all for your honesty, being yourselves, for growing with me and allowing me to grow with you. I have learned so much from each of you and I will cherish the time we've had together, always! So for now go change the world like I know you will and know that YOU have made all the difference for me! I will miss you and hope to see you again someday! 😊

Best wishes,
Tammy Marton