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Thank You

My big thanks, my enormous thanks, my super bueno gracias, to **Bob, Betsy, and Maggie Reniers**. In a pre-Ecuador phone call, Betsy told me I'd never want to leave. In a post-Ecuador phone call, my rapid recounting proved her right. Bob and Betsy, thank you for making this trip possible.

And to Maggie, thank you for hosting the Hailey Boys, and for everything you did for us, and are doing on your wonderful corner of Otavalo.

Dear Friends and Families,

Whew! Year Two is squarely behind us. Now that the dust has settled, I want to say an enormous thank you to everyone who made it possible- students, families, teachers, supporters, and general well-wishers.

June started with the end of school. We brought students in from the field, bid farewell to our seniors Chris and Liam at graduation, said aloha to Barge and Alice, all before taking the whole school to the top of Della and a farewell picnic at Heagle Park.

After our final faculty meetings, Chris and I hopped on a plane to Ecuador, and stood in both hemispheres. More on this below.

For now, as summer is squarely underway, and as we set our sites on the future, I hope that everyone has a wonderful couple of months. And thank you again. It continues to be a pleasure to spend time with these kids, and to be in such good company along the way.

Harry



Graduation

On to the next adventure...

On Thursday, June 2, we said our final farewells to seniors Chris Fuller and Liam Bynum (actually, final farewells were saved for the last day of school, and even those were prolonged when Liam came in to help with the fish on Monday, the first day of summer). Also "graduating" were Barge and Alice, and Bret and Parker, all of whom are moving on to their next adventures. We wish them well. I look forward to reports from the field and hope that each of them knows how important they were to the school.



Greenhouse

Tomatoes and Tilapia are growing!

If you get a chance to visit the greenhouse, please don't stand still too long. The tomatoes have reached 6 feet tall, and are headed toward the rafters. At times, you can hear them grow. The Tilapia seem similarly giddy, and have quadrupled in size. They still look like 50 cent pieces...but they're happy 50 cent pieces. Dan Freeman is coordinating the greenhouse and will be selling the produce when it's ripe, so be sure to look him up at the Farmers' Market (his stand is Shooting Star Farms, where The Sage School will have a small nook for whatever is available).



Ecuador

Aquí nos encontramos

From June 8 - 15, Chris and I headed to Otavalo, Ecuador for an 8 day reconnaissance excursion. The purpose of the jaunt was to set up a trip for our seniors- a culminating, capstone experience to take place in the end of May next year, and, we hope, every year. Our goal was to explore a place where the school can build a long term collaboration, and have an active presence. We found it. Otavalo was many things- intense, complex, beautiful, and filled with possibility. As we develop this trip for next year, I look forward to delivering more news.



Ecuador, Redux

La Posada del Quinde

Chris and I were lucky enough to be guests of Maggie Reniers at "The Hummingbird Hotel," pictured here on the corner of Miguel Egas and Quito in downtown Otavalo. If there is magic in the world, a bit of it can be found on this corner. If you are ever in Ecuador, you have to visit Maggie. She will treat you to wonderful food, point you in the direction of master weavers, and expose you to the real Ecuador. Maggie is evidence of the power of one person who is committed to making the world a bit more beautiful.



There is always more to say. Now, however, is a time to take a deep breath and enjoy some productive, unscheduled time. Until we meet again, have a wonderful summer, and Happy July.

Harry