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Be Prepared As The School Year Starts Again

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As the school year gets back into full swing, it's always a good idea to ensure your kiln is in good working order. Giving the kiln a once over may save you trouble later in the year. Just imagine being ready to fire students projects, but a problem arises and the kiln is malfunctioning. Now, your students projects aren't finished before the semester and your scrambling to get them finished.

There are quite a few different things you can do to ensure your kiln and controller are ready for the upcoming school year so students projects get done on time. Here's a few helpful tips on what to check for:

- Visually inspect the inside of the kiln and check for any drooping or cracks in the elements.
- Check the thermocouple(s) to make sure they are not cracked or bent.
- Test the controller by running a full power test to ensure the kiln is heating up properly. This is a good time to also visually inspect the elements for any dark spots which indicates it's either broken or gone bad.
- As you start to do firings throughout the year, ensure the kiln room has proper ventilation to ensure the controller doesn't get over heated.

If you do your checks at the beginning of the year, you may catch something and save yourself the headache of fixing your kiln or controller at the last minute. Check back next time for more tips and tricks!

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