# Arlington Central School District Noxon Road Elementary School 4 Old Noxon Road Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 (845) 486-4950

**Kelly Murray Principal** 

Melissa Tirado Assistant to the Principal

Dear Noxon Road Families,

Please see the following information regarding the end of the year plans for our students.

### From Your PTA President, Mr. Livermore

There will be a final PTA Meeting on 6/10/20 at 7pm through Zoom. He will send the link information on that date.

### **Report Cards**

As stated in our May Family Letter and communication from the Central Office, all students will receive a third trimester report card. The report card will not contain numerical grades (1-4), rather, teachers will utilize one of four comments (below) for each subject area (**ELA/Literacy**, **Math, Art, Music, Physical Education & Library**)

Student Fully Participated
Student Often Participated
Student Occasionally Participated
Student Did Not Participate

### The Final Week of School

New learning for students is scheduled to end on June 19th. During the week of June 22nd, Teachers, T.A.'s and Special Area Teachers may hold end of the year conferences with students via Google Meet and/or other "end of the year" meets. Please look for communication directly from your child's teachers regarding their plans.

### **Returning of School Materials**

- Currently, District-issued library books and Chromebooks are **not** being collected from students unless the student is transferring out of the District.
- Parents/students wishing to return library books may of course do so, when they come at the assigned time below for pick up of student belongings.

• If students have textbooks or books from a teacher's classroom library (or other items that the teacher would like students to return) please bring them in a bag labeled with your child's name, at the assigned time below, when you come to pick up school materials. Please return these materials in a bag with your child's name on it.

### **Student Pick-Up Of Materials**

Please plan to come to Noxon Road for the pick up of student belongings on **Monday**, **June 22nd**. \*We hope yearbooks will be in by this time. Families of multiple children are asked to come at the time of their youngest, unless they have a 5th grader and in that case, are asked to come at the time of their fifth grader. We will utilize our "Parent Pick up Loop" in the back parking lot of our school, the same way we distributed the Learning Packets in March. No one is to exit vehicles for any reason as staff will bring student belongings to the vehicle at the assigned times of arrival by grade level. Please wear a mask and plan to unroll your passenger side window for staff to hand you the bag of student belongings. **Staff will be volunteering to be present for this distribution and our hope is to provide a warm "send off to summer" for our students so please bring them with you in the car and decorate the car if you would like! We will have music playing and look forward to a "goodbye parade!"** 

5th grade (9:30-10:00)
4th grade (10:15-10:45)
3rd grade (11:00-11:30)
2nd grade (11:45-12:15)

Staff lunch break(12:15-1:00)
1st grade (1:00-1:30)
Kindergarten (1:45-2:15)

# 5th Grade Virtual Moving Up Ceremony Program & Plans

- The virtual moving up ceremony will be showcased on Friday, June 19th at 6pm. It will be presented through Facebook Live and Google Meet (however it will be pre recorded so families will have access for viewing at any time that works for them.) \*A formal invitation/save the date and detailed program will be coming soon!
- The Virtual Moving Up Ceremony is being organized by our 5th grade teachers, students
  and school staff. It follows the same program as past moving up ceremonies, including a
  procession, welcome message, student led recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and
  Noxon Pledge, playing of the Star Spangled Banner by 5th graders, 5th grade song
  performed by Mrs. Wemple and the Arlington Music Department, 5th grade student

singing showcase, participation recognition, presentation of awards, conferring of certificates, messages from staff members, presentation of the Noxon gift, Message from UVMS & LMS, closing remarks, thank you speeches by students, a student compilation and a recession. If your child was asked by a staff member to send a video or speech, to contribute to the program above, please make sure you have uploaded the video to the following link (giving me editing rights) by the due date your teacher provided. Assigned Student Videos for Moving Up Ceremony

- Mr. Livermore and the PTA are graciously assisting with the cost of the videographer
  who is using elaborate editing equipment and technological skills to create a special and
  memorable virtual ceremony.
- All 5th graders will be receiving their certificates and awards when they come to school on Monday, June 22 from 9:30-10am for the retrieval of student belongings. At that time our hope is that yearbooks are in and can be distributed and a collage style class photo for each child. We have prepared a special "yearbook addition" for our students and can't wait to share it with them! In addition, our beloved T.A Mrs. Osborn has made a very personal, special and memorable gift for every 5th grader, that we know they will cherish as they move on from Noxon. Again, 5th grade families especially should feel free to decorate your cars and make this "send off" memorable.
- All 5th graders are invited to send a video clip of themselves (by June 12th) to this link: 5th Grade Individual Video Clips-Due June 12 folder. The video clip should be no more than 20 seconds and showcase a special talent of the child such as singing, dancing, gymnastics, joke telling, etc. If the child would prefer, he/she could instead record a simple message to Noxon School saying goodbye, thanking staff, or sharing a special memory.\*Make sure you are giving me editing rights when you upload this the link above
- Mrs. Wemple is also putting together a special project using the video of your performance of "A Million Dreams" from The Greatest Showman from last year's Choral Extravaganza Concert (when you were fourth graders). See directions here to participate: "A Millions Dreams" Moving Up Video Directions
- If any student/family needs assistance videotaping, please email Mrs. Tirado and we will arrange support for you (even if it means coming to your home to record on our device for you!)
- In addition, all 5th graders will have the **opportunity to get a class T-shirt**, organized by Mr. Livermore, Mrs. Bednarski and the PTA. More information on this will be coming directly from Mrs. Bednarski via School Messenger.

# **Summer Reading and Skill Practice**

Some staff members will be creating hard copy packets for student completion over the summer and some staff members will continue to offer resources through links, websites and Google Classroom. These will be distributed with student belongings on June 22.

# Kindergarten Screening & Kindergarten Family Orientation

We have already formed wonderful relationships with many of our incoming Kindergarten families through our Growing Scholars Program. In addition, we are exploring ways to provide a Family Orientation & Screening at some point, however those events are postponed at this time. Stay tuned for any updates..

## **Continued Summer Communication from your Principal**

I will continue to use both our YOUTUBE morning announcements and our Friday Family Letter as ways to keep the connection with our families and students, this summer. In addition, we will strive to continue working with our wonderful PTA to continue offering Bingo Nights, Trivia Nights and Google Meets opportunities for community fun! Finally, we will be doing a SUMMER READING CHALLENGE so get ready for information coming soon on that!

If you have ideas or feedback regarding anything listed above, please reach out!

Warmly, Dr. Murray