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Dear Noxon Road Families,

This week, in our Friday Family Letter I would like to speak directly to our students and hope that you can share this with them.

Students,

I have been thinking a lot about you since the day we left school, uncertain about when we would return. We have worked together through five weeks of online learning and I couldn't be more proud of the way you have adapted to this drastic change, with a positive attitude and strong work ethic. I know that it is not easy. I understand that some of you might be confused and sad, especially after hearing on Friday that we will not be returning to school. I completely understand the feeling of loss that many of you have right now, missing the showcase of learning that typically takes place at this time of year, as well as all of the culminating events that you always look forward to year after year and of course, your friends and teachers! The adults around you (including me) don't necessarily have answers right now to every question that you have, but, here is what I can tell you:

- 5th Graders, you will NOT leave Noxon Road School without some type of "Moving Up Ceremony" honoring you, celebrating you and allowing you that memory that we hope lasts with you throughout your schooling. We have lots of ideas for how to do this and are working together to make those ideas a reality.***
- As a school, we are looking at our remaining residencies/field trips across the grade levels and determining if it's possible for some of them to be done in a "virtual" format.***
- From the Pride Stride to the Whole School Moving Up Day to Field Day...and everything in between....we will do our best to come up with ways to still share in special events like these, together. Even though it might not look the same or be within the walls of our school, I'm confident that you will still feel the love of our community, in whatever it is we can create.***

There is no way to control the current situation but (just like we say at school) we can control our reaction to it. Our staff is choosing hard work, creativity and positive attitudes and I know that our entire Noxon Community (including you) is doing the same. Please keep up the great work, know that we are proud of you (and your families) and that although we too feel your hurt and loss (and MISS YOU LIKE CRAZY) we also know that we all are resilient and smart, strong and capable...and we will get through this together!

As we continue to work out our plans, we will share those details with all of you. If you have thoughts or feedback as we work together to create these end of the year memories, please do not hesitate to reach out. Look closely at the next page for a letter from our Student Council and then notes/reminders. To all of those moms, grandmothers, aunts, and strong, inspiring women impacting the lives of our little ones...Happy Mother's Day and thank you for making a difference. Dr. Murray

Dear Noxon Road Families,

On behalf of the Student Council, I hope this letter finds you well. As each day passes I continue to be amazed at the hard work and dedication that the Noxon Road families are making to their learning as well as to maintaining a sense of community.



In addition to adjusting to online learning, over the past several weeks Student Council members have also continued their commitment to the community. Members have been working at home on sending letters to nursing home patients, collecting items to donate to goodwill, as well as making toys for local animal shelters. Some members have sent cards/letters to friends, participated in drive-by birthday celebrations, and written positive messages on their driveway for passersby to enjoy. I applaud their efforts.

The members of Student Council are working on two projects that they wish to share with the Noxon Road student body. The first idea that they're planning involves a multi-grade level "Meet" where students can interact and participate in a group activity. Look for more information on this in the coming weeks.



Secondly, they are working on "Honoring our Noxon Heroes" by putting together a video montage thanking our essential workers. For this project, we are asking that each Noxon student or family contribute a photo of themselves or their artwork with a message of thanks directed at a specific group of essential workers (see image) or all essential workers in general. Photos can be uploaded to your Google Drive and "shared" with me or emailed to me at the address below. The deadline for submitting will be May 29th.

As always, thank you for your support of the Noxon Road Student Council and Noxon Road community. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Mrs. Nicolle McMorris Student Council Advisor (nmcmorris@acsdny.org)

Notes/Reminders

- **There will be a ZOOM PTA Meeting next week on Wednesday, May 13th at 7pm. The exact link will be sent from Mr. Livermore next week. This is an important meeting and we hope you can make it!**
- **Next week I will be adding a twist to our YouTube Morning Announcements called "SPEEDY, On The Road Again." For this, SPEEDY will be picking at random, a Noxon student's address and then he will be stopping to say hi, in hopes of brightening someone's day, in an unexpected way! SPEEDY'S visits will be shared on our Morning Announcements so be watching because....will your house be next?!?!**
- **Next week, we were supposed to have our SPRING FLING. Since we can't be together dancin' the night away in our gym, we invite you to come together virtually (on Google Meets and Facebook Live) for FAMILY BINGO NIGHT AND DANCE PARTY on THURSDAY, May 14th at 6pm. Rumor has it there will be someone special "popping in" to lead us in some dance moves for a "Dance Party" in honor of our cancelled Spring Fling! Bingo cards will be emailed to you in advance, so please RSVP for this event at this link and we will get your Bingo Card(s) out to your family! [Sign Up Here for Family Bingo Night & Dance Party](#)**
- **Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Murphy to 3rd grade next year! She began her career at Arlington as a Math AIS teacher and last year was part of Team Smurphy as a second grade teacher! We know she will be a fabulous addition to our 3rd grade team next year!**
