



A LITTLE GENERAL NEWS



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Welcome to June! It seems impossible that it is the end of the 2017-18 school year— it is time to reflect on our many successes and improvements. There are special events scheduled throughout the month that you and your family may decide to attend - the 6th Grade Moving Up Ceremony, Flag Day, and the Elementary Awards Assembly. There are also class field trips scheduled and a modified schedule during the last week of the school year. Read June's newsletter carefully and review the special events. Post the calendar in a conspicuous place so you don't miss out on anything. If you have any questions, please contact me at 854-9505.

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PK-6 Principal

Grades 3-6 Awards Assembly -

The annual awards assembly program for students in grades 3-6 will be held on Wednesday, June 20th at 9:00 a.m. Many of our students will be recognized for their accomplishments during the past year at the assembly. We hope you'll consider joining us for this special event.

Last week of school schedule -

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday June 18th– 20th all K-6 students will be dismissed at 2:20 pm and buses will leave school at 2:30 pm. On Thursday and Friday, June 21st and 22nd, all K-6 students will be dismissed at 11:20 am and buses will leave school at 11:30 am.

The last day of school for students will be Friday, June 22nd.



4th Grade Band Instrument Information Night

Our music teachers, Mr. Butler and Mrs. Payne will meet with 4th grade parents and students on Monday, June 18th at 6:00 pm in the band room to describe the instrumental music program available to students when they enter 5th grade. They will demonstrate the various musical instruments from which 4th grade students can select. A representative of the musical instrument supplier will be present to describe various lease and purchase options. Students will have the opportunity to try out the instruments.



6th Grade Moving Up Day -

All parents and friends of 6th grade students are invited to the 6th Grade Moving Up Day Program on Thursday, June 21st at 9:00 a.m. This is a special, formal day for our 6th grade students as we recognize them and the accomplishments they have made during the last seven years. A reception will be held for guests and students immediately following the program.

PK-12 School Climate Survey for Parents

Our school has partnered with the National School Climate Center and we are asking you to fill out a survey to assess perceptions of the school. A letter outlining this survey is being mailed home to families and the survey link can also be found on our school website. For families who do not have internet access, we will be hosting three evenings for parents to take the survey at school in our High School Computer Lab on Thursday, June 7th and June 14th from 5 to 7 pm and on Wednesday, June 13th from 4 to 6 pm. If you wish for your child to not participate in the survey, please contact the main office of your child's school.

Flag Day -

Our annual Flag Day program will be held on the front lawn on Thursday, June 14th at 1:30 pm. Members of the elementary music department, Salem area scouts, and the Salem American Legion Honor Guard will participate in the program. All parents and community members are invited to attend.



Elementary Field Days -

On Monday, June 11th, our K-2 students will participate in our annual Elementary Field Days. Tuesday, June 12th is the day that is scheduled for field day for students in grades 3-6. This activity provides students with a fun way to celebrate the athletic skills they have developed this year.

Staggering Dismissal Times

In the May newsletter, we asked parents to wait on the front lawn to pick up your children. This leaves more space for our students to board their buses. To continue with improving safety during dismissal time, we are staggering the dismissal times to reduce congestion in the breezeway and sidewalk areas. The Primary building will be dismissed at 2:20pm and grades 3-6 will be dismissed a few minutes later at 2:23pm. Also, please be aware of and adhere to our posted speed limits in all school zones. Safety of our children is very important; please remember to slow down.

Grade 6 to Grade 7 Orientation Program

This program will help prepare students for the move to grade 7. In mid August, the 7th grade teacher team will host a special program for our new 7th graders. Specific details regarding the program will be mailed home at a later date.