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Dear Families,

I hope you are staying safe and healthy! Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with those who have been personally affected one way or another by the Coronavirus.

We celebrate each and every member of our community because you have been working tirelessly to support the education of our children while keeping them healthy and safe. We appreciate your support, and we know that entire families have been pitching-in by offering support. Thank you!

It is such a different time! As you know, we typically have many celebrations in the month of May. Given the circumstances, our celebrations will look differently now. 8th Grade Promotion is a great rite of passage for students moving on to high school, and beyond. Principals at each school site have sent specific information on how their schools will be celebrating this special occasion following CDC guidelines.

Over the next couple of weeks, our educators will continue to provide video instruction and office hours as they have been for over a month. The last week of school, our teachers will provide activities that you can do as a family since our teachers will need to pack up their classrooms.

On Monday, June 1st, we will be starting virtual summer camp with many exciting enriching activities as well as the continuation of video learning and office hours. If you are interested in your child participating in summer camp, starting on May 6th, please reach out to your child's teacher for an application.

Frequently Asked Questions FAQs

How are end of year celebrations being handled?

There are typically many celebrations at the end of a school year. Most of them have been canceled, postponed or will be virtual. If you have a specific question about a celebration, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Do I need to return the laptop?

If your child will continue to attend virtual summer camp during the month of June, then he/she will not need to return the laptop.

However, if your child will not participate in virtual summer camp, then he/she will need to return the laptop the week of May 18th. Your child's school principal will send specific information for their school.

Where can I find social/emotional resources to support my children?

We have a great team of counselors that have put together a myriad of resources that you can find on our website at www.tollesonschools.com. It is under community, TESD17 Closure Support Services:

Social/Emotional Supports

<https://www.tollesonschools.com/Page/1641>

How do I pick up items my child left at school?

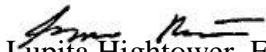
The week of May 18th you may go to your child's school to pick up any items that were left and drop-off the school's laptop(s) the last week of school. Your school principal will be sending out a schedule.

Will summer meals be served?

Our team will continue to prepare and serve meals until May 25th. Starting May 26th, we will move into summer feeding. The goal is to continue to serve in the same 13 areas, but the times will be adjusted from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. due to the heat and required refrigeration of food items.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and continued support throughout the school closure.

Sincerely,



Lupita Hightower, Ed.D.
Superintendent