May 11, 2020

Good Afternoon Elementary Parents and Guardians,

As we begin Week 5 of Online Instruction, I want to thank you for your continued support of the program and your child/children. We understand that as the warmer weather approaches, it is more difficult to engage students in daily lessons. Each week, teachers are working hard to find different ways to engage students; some examples for this week are more teacher-created videos, brain breaks, and discussions. Teachers have also been asked to think of different ways to connect with their students as the weeks wind down.

As you plan for the next four weeks, please see the details below regarding Memorial Day and the end of the year schedule.

# 1. Memorial Day:

"No School"

Teachers will not be placing any lessons into Canvas for Monday, May 25, 2020; online learning will be closed for the day. Canvas courses will include the following text header within the week.

#### 2. End of Year Student Calendar:

### **Elementary Schools:**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6/1	6/2	6/3	6/4	6/5
Normal Online	Normal Online	Normal Online	Virtual Field	Virtual Field
Instruction	Instruction	Instruction	Day	Day
6/8	6/9	6/10	6/11	6/12
Final Lessons	Final Lessons	Final Lessons	End of Year	End of Year
for Online	for Online	for Online	Class	Class
Instruction	Instruction	Instruction	Celebrations	Celebrations
			Close-out and	Close-out and
			Catch-up	Catch-up
				<b>Progress</b>
				<b>Reports Due</b>

**<u>Field Day:</u>** The PE Department has been working hard on planning a Canvas Course for Field Day K-8 for June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. This will be a fun way to engage all students and families. More details will come out soon!

<u>Trimester 3 Progress Reports:</u> Teachers will complete student Progress Reports by the end of the day on June 12, 2020. Principals will release all Progress Reports for parents/guardians to view on Monday, June 19, 2020.

As we plan for the end of the school year, we are also planning for Extended Learning and Summer Learning Opportunities for students.

## **Extended Learning Opportunity through the end of June:**

For students who are not finished with the lessons built in Canvas, we will continue to offer access to all Canvas Courses for self-paced lessons.

In addition, for students (and parents) who wish to extend specific content-based learning through June 30, we have programmed self-paced courseware ready to go in Reading and Math. This opportunity will -run from Monday, June 15 through Tuesday, June 30 (perhaps longer) for interested students/families.

#### **Summer Learning Opportunities:**

Based on interest, we may provide students similar courseware options for the summer. A parent survey will be released next week to determine interest.

## **Parent Event:**

Finally, we will be offering a live event on Monday, May 18, 2020 for our entire community. Dr. Dahlsgaard will discuss strategies for managing anxiety and maintaining psychological health during the coronavirus pandemic, with a particular emphasis on empowering parents. Dr. Dahlsgaard will present for thirty minutes and then offer a Q&A session if you are interested in participating.



Thank you for your continued support of Neshaminy and our online instructional programs.

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