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Dear Unit 9 Parents,

I want to take this opportunity to honor our students as they enter the last month of our school year. They have faced and conquered many educational challenges. Students have had very little voice about the rules and regulations throughout this pandemic. Through it all, they have adjusted and were flexible in meeting these mandates. I have no doubt they will handle future challenges with the same determination and grace.

While the school year will soon be coming to a close, we have many items to cross off our list before the school year ends. Here are some of the important year end changes, activities and dates to help you in planning for the end of the year.

Calendar Change

We will be in attendance on May 3rd. This allows the district to use the entire week of May 24th to finish grading for this school year and to make the necessary preparations for moving classrooms over the summer. The last day of school for students will be Friday, May 21st.

Assessments

End of the year testing schedules for all buildings have been established. Please make every effort to have your child in attendance on these dates. The testing window is May 3rd through the 14th.

Summer Activities

With the closing of Nettie Davis, each building will be preparing to move to their new locations. Those locations are:

Early Childhood Education (ECE), PreK and Kindergarten will move to Wanda Kendall

Grades 1-5 will be at Glenn Raymond

Grades 6-8 will be on the second floor of the High School

Grades 9-12 will be on the first floor of the High School

Due to the relocation of grade levels, the only building open this summer will be the High School

Staff Appreciation Week

May 3rd through the 7th is Staff Appreciation Week. Please take the time to thank a staff member for all they do. Each and every staff member is dedicated to the education and safety of our students. We are grateful for our teachers, paraprofessionals, office staff, custodians, kitchen staff and bus drivers!

Referendum

It passed! Now what? As we begin to prepare for our new campus, we will be putting together committees with representation from all stakeholders to iron out the specifics of the plans for the new campus along with ways we can partner with other community groups. We will receive information in June about the mitigation grants. Because the referendum passed, we are shovel ready when the grants and building plans are finalized. We will continue to keep the public informed about the project as it progresses.

Unit 9 Dates To Remember

April

26th: GRS State Science Testing begins

27th: Miles of Smiles at Nettie Davis, PTO meeting at WK, 2:30 p.m.

30th: Nettie Davis students will be sent home with goodie bags filled with books, glow sticks and popcorn for the Family Glow Reading Weekend! Reading with your family by the light of the glow for 30 minutes this weekend. Submit a picture of your family participating via Seesaw Monday, May 3rd by 8:00 a.m. and you will be entered into a drawing. There will be a winner from each classroom!

May

1st: Nettie Davis Family Glow Reading Weekend

2nd: Nettie Davis Family Glow Reading Weekend

3rd: We are in session!

Staff Appreciation Week Begins

NWEA Map Testing Window begins at all schools

6th: Last Day of After School Programs for ND, WK and GRS

7th: Staff Appreciation Week Ends

10/11th: Illinois Science Assessment for all Juniors, MAP Math and Reading Testing for 9th and 10th Graders

12th: Last day for Study Tables at WCHS

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14th: WCHS Graduate Walk @ Nettie Davis, Wanda Kendall

Seniors last day of attendance

Prom 7-9:00 p.m.

Spring MAP Testing Window ends

15th: Key Club Field Trip

19th: Field Day at Nettie Davis, Wanda Kendall

21st: Last Day of Student Attendance

Juniors last day at KACC

25th: Show Choir Field Trip

26th: Senior Class Field Trip & FCCLA Field Trip

28th: Graduation at 6:30 p.m. on the football field

June 1st: Credit Recovery Summer Program begins from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at WCHS for GRS and WCHS students

As the year comes to an end, I would like to thank all of you for your continued support of Unit 9. Have a safe and happy summer and Go Utes and Warriors!