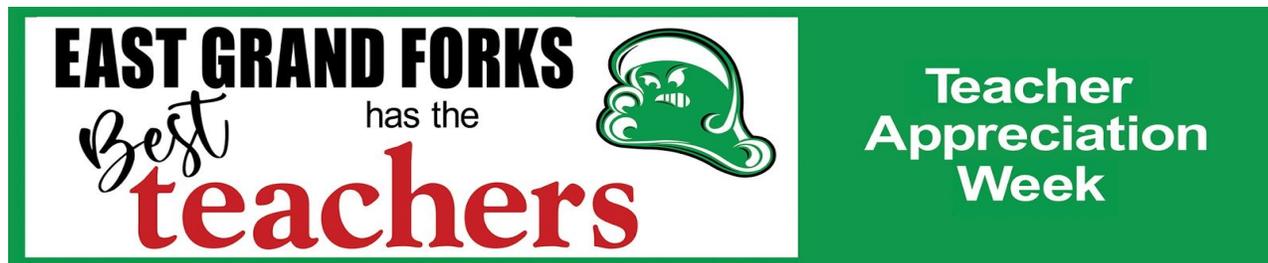


May 5, 2020

Good afternoon EGF ISD 595 Families and Staff Members!,

I hope all of you are enjoying the first week of May 2020! I am sure it will be one we will remember for a long time! Please take a little time to review the following information and feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

- **Teacher Appreciation Week** - May 4-8 has been dedicated as "Teacher Appreciation Week" and the East Grand Forks School District would like to say "THANK YOU"! The EGF teaching staff works very hard to build strong relationships and provide the best learning experience for every learner, every day! The definition of a "teacher" has taken on a broader meaning during this period of distance learning and we are very fortunate to have a great group of teachers, support staff and parents working in coordination to educate our students. Super job everyone! You are greatly appreciated!



- **May 7th Staff Parade** - In honor of all of our great students and staff members, EGF ISD 595 has planned a special event on Thursday, May 7. Starting at 5:00 p.m., teams of EGF staff members will be forming vehicle parades that will drive through the streets of assigned areas of East Grand Forks. Staff members are really missing their students and look forward to seeing as many of them as possible while driving by homes. We hope families will be able to step out into their yards and wave to the staff members when they drive by while also practicing good social distancing. Please review the following parade information and stay tuned for updates.
 - Four teams of staff members with representation from each building will leave from their dedicated starting points of the building parking lots.
 - The City of EGF has been divided into quadrants (NW, NE, SW, and SE)

- Each team of staff members will try to drive down as many roads as possible in two of the quadrants.
 - Due to safety guidelines, staff members cannot throw out candy or make physical contact with the children.
 - A map of the City of EGF containing the quadrants and designated parade routes streets will be sent out on Wednesday or Thursday.
 - We would prefer for every staff member to go down every street in town, but it would take way too much time. Hopefully, each team of staff members will have time to drive through two quadrants of town.
 - **We want this to be a safe and fun event for everyone!**
 - We will send out the starting points for each team with the map, but cannot guarantee a specific time each team will be in an exact location. If you hear some horns honking, please step outside and wave!
 - Feel free to make signs for the event and give me a call if you have any questions or concerns.
 - **PLEASE hope for good weather and stay tuned for updates!**
- **Commencement Exercises 2020** - School districts across the state have been waiting for guidance from the MN Departments of Education and Public Safety regarding graduation ceremonies and social distancing requirements for quite some time with no results. We would prefer to have a large scale event for our graduates, but the current guidelines are very restrictive. If guidance comes out that will allow for some type of formal ceremony that meets safety guidelines, we will do our best to make it happen. If you are a Class of 2020 student or parent, please go to the following graduation information link that was updated this afternoon. [2020 Commencement Information Link \(updated on 5.5.20\)](#)

We will continue to share Coronavirus and other district related information on the school district website, instant messaging system and on social media.

THANK YOU for all of your efforts!

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