



Principal's Message **THANKS TO SO MANY!**

This week marks a time to thank and commemorate so many. It is Teacher Appreciation Week along with National Nurses week...a time to honor the efforts of those two groups of professionals working extremely hard for the betterment of so many. I choose to expand my recognition to not just teachers but to all of the varied individuals who dedicate themselves to the function of schools. This includes professional staff (Teachers, Counselors, Social Workers, Speech Therapists, Occupational and Physical Therapists, Behavioral Consultants, School Psychologists, School Nurses and all the various administrators) and the myriad of support staff (Office, Educational Technicians, Maintenance & Facilities and School Nutrition). Thanks to all that you do, selflessly and without appropriate recognition, to assure children and families engage in the challenging endeavor called education. With the oddities of this school year, you have proven again your resilience, creativity and deep commitment to those that you serve and you all deserve our thanks.

No group in our society today deserves our recognition more than the nurses and other medical staff who are the foot soldiers in the war fought daily against the COVID-19 pandemic. The courage and steadfast determination exemplified by these heroic professionals, often in the face of daunting odds, minimal supplies and at the risk of their own health, is truly awe inspiring. No words could genuinely express our thanks and gratitude.

Last, but certainly not least, we celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday. Do we ever do full and complete justice in recognizing the contributions (emotional, physical & spiritual) that Mothers make in our society? One day celebrating your efforts is merely symbolic in the recognition of all that you do. Given the new task of taking on an even larger role in the education of your children, given our COVID-19 school closure and remote learning, just illustrates how significant your role is. Happy Mother's Day to you all!

Please remember that next Friday is the next to the last Continued Learning Packet (CLP) distribution day (with the final packets being delivered on May 29th). I hope everyone is remaining safe and healthy.



Food Pantry: I would like to give a big shout out to the Hayden Family, who handcrafted signs to put on lawns to raise money for our food pantry. I would also like to thank community members who have supported the food pantry with donations. During these trying times, many families face continuous hardships and food insecurities. We are working hard to make sure that our students/families can worry about one less thing. Thank You, Everyone, Stay Safe, Healthy, and Active!!!

Health: Now that the days are warmer and the sun is hotter, please remember to apply sunscreen prior to going out to enjoy the day!



Grades Pre K- 2

Pre K: What beautiful weather that we have been having. I hope that everyone has been able to get out and enjoy the sun! Don't forget Sunday is Mother's Day! Celebrate MOM!

Beck: It's May! April Showers should bring us some MAY flowers! Have a great week.....stay safe and watch for our next ZOOM meeting. It is Stuffy Day at our ZOOM meeting so find your favorite one so you will be ready. **Parents watch for a ZOOM invitation for later this week.

Lamothe: I enjoyed all the Zoom meetings with individual students and parents this past week. We had a Zoom First Grade Class Meeting on Friday, which brought a smile to all our faces! Parents, keep an eye out for Zoom invites to our next class meeting. Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful first grade Mom's! Thank you for all you do!

S. Brewer: I want to wish a Happy Mother's Day to all the moms. I'll be sending a ZOOM invite out as soon as my internet connection is a bit better. Get outside and enjoy the sun and warmth. A special thank you to all the kids who keep sending me mail. Your return letters went out today!!

Grades 3-5

Northrup: "A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles."

Christopher Reeve

Be on the lookout for an email coming home early next week about our **Zoom** meeting. **Happy Mother's Day!!!**

Trask: I want to thank everyone that has responded to my emails. I loved hearing about what was going on in your life during the past several weeks. Happy Mother's Day to all the Mom's. Enjoy your day.

M. Brewer: I enjoyed our Zoom activities this week! I look forward to making the most of the rest of our Zoom meetings from here on out! Happy Mother's Day to everyone! Thanks for all you do!

PBIS News- Happy Friday Everyone...Happy Teacher Appreciation Week as well!! Teachers, kitchen staff, custodians, bus drivers, and administrators are continuing to adjust and adapt to the new way of delivering education. I hope you are all keeping active, staying safe, and working on adapting to being home. This week I wanted to share a link to an article written in the Boston Globe that I found very insightful.

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/2020/05/05/lifestyle/teens-up-all-night-sleeping-half-day-endless-netflix-binges-lockdown-kids-carve-out-whole-new-schedules/?event=event25>

Middle School News

McCormick: I am happy to have a regular schedule for Zoom with kids finally. Please make sure to have your student check their email at least once a day for any communication from teachers. Also, know that the zoom meetings are weekly and will follow the same time schedule each week. It was great seeing so many kids show up for their meeting this week. Please check in to the next one.

Capen: Happy May! It's been great to see many of your faces during our Zoom meetings. We are getting settled into a somewhat new and normal schedule. FYI, moving forward this will be our regular schedule for ELA Zoom meetings:

6th Grade: Wednesday's @ 11:00 am

7th Grade: Thursday's @ 11:00 am

8th Grade: Tuesday's @ 10:00 am

During this time we will be doing a review as well as touching base as to things being listed in Google Classroom. Please try to check email/ Google Classroom once a day. Miss you all!

Crowell: It's great to see so many of you during our zoom calls. Keep sending me pictures of your finished work so I can provide feedback. Our revised middle school math zoom schedule is as follows:

8th grade: Mondays @ 11:00

7th grade: Wednesdays @ 11:00

6th grade: Thursdays @ 11:00

We are covering math concepts during these calls. Check your email and google classroom daily.

Resource News

Brann: Our Zoom lessons are going well! Thank you parents and students for letting us virtually enter your homes. Have a wonderful weekend!

Grady/Richards: Keep on reading even if it's only for a few minutes a day! Read to a parent, a sibling, a pet, or even a stuffed animal. "*Books are a uniquely portable magic.*" – Stephen King



Art - Learning Commons - Music - PE

Martin: Hello Everyone! I'm so happy to see that some parents have joined the [Art with Mrs. Trainor Group](#) on Facebook. If you have not yet visited please check it out. It is an educational group with members of RSU 12 only. I am continuing to post projects that promote spending time outside and creating family/individual projects with minimal art supplies. It's a great opportunity to see what others are creating and to share your own creations with classmates.

I hope everyone is well and enjoying what beautiful weather we have.

Howard: Missing everyone and enjoying hearing from some students. If your child has a technology question or needs help, please email me at choward@svrsu.org. I have added all the worksheets on my teacher page onto our website for those that might want to see what others are working on. Students - if there is something you would like to share with others, please let me know and we can post it. Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in our community and stay safe.

Please click the following link to go to the Whitefield Town Library's homepage! <https://whitefieldlibrary.org/>

Simpson: I hope everyone had fun with the activities on the May Calendar for this week. I know we had a good time celebrating "May the Fourth" day at our house with Jedi training as well as a veggie packed taco Tuesday for Cinco de Mayo! I miss you all and can not wait until we can be together again!

Have a great weekend!