

Check-in from Erin L. Ireland

WEEK OF JUNE 8, 2020

Dear Friends,

Can you believe it? It is the last week of the 2019/20 school year! I know these last few months have been a challenge for us all but on behalf of the EES staff and myself, I want to thank you for all you have done to support your child with their remote learning. You have all be amazing and we couldn't ask for anything more than what you have given since March.

On another note, I am sad that I cannot tell you all this in person as is my custom at the end of every school year, but I just wanted to say thank you for sharing your child with me this year. I have enjoyed getting to know each and every student and watching them grow. I look forward to seeing you all again next year, however that may look.

This Friday our Zip in and Zoom Out times are: 9:00-12:00 and 4:00-6:00. Teachers will be in their cars (kind of like trunk or treat) with any personal belongings that may have been left and a friendly wave. We ask that families stay in their cars as well. Your belongings will be brought to you and passed through the window. If you don't have any belongings to pick up but want to come and give a friendly wave, we'd love to see you too! This is a chance for us all to see each other and wish each other well for a fabulous summer vacation, but we still must maintain physical distancing protocols. To keep our traffic pattern running smoothly, please enter through the Bangor Rd. driveway and exit through the Jr./Sr. High driveway. Teachers will be lined up along the playground side of the driveway.

All items belonging to the school district must be returned by Friday, June 12. These items may include: ipads, laptops, chargers, hotspots, recorders, books, math cards, games. Paper packets of remote learning should also be returned by Friday, June 12. If you need to have any of these items picked up with meal delivery on Monday, June 8 or Thursday, June 11 please call or email me and I will make sure the right staff members know to be on the lookout for them.

Thank you again for all you have done and please do not hesitate to reach out this summer with any questions or concerns.

~Erin

MESSAGE FROM MRS. KINSEY

Dear Elementary Parents and Students,

It is hard to believe that this very strange year is coming to an end. With the advent of the warmer weather and the new life in the trees and flowers, we are given hope that we will be able to return to our school at some point, though we know that school will look (and has looked!) different. We have explored many new platforms and strategies for delivering content and participating in all of our classes. I have uploaded lots of Dance Party Friday links, sing along story books, favorite songs for Easter, Earth Day, Mother's Day and Memorial Day, as well as recorder songs and rhythm challenges. There may still appear bucket Drumming challenges, so please hang onto the baggies of rhythms if your student is in grades 4,5 or 6. Everything in my Google Classrooms will remain available to you for the entire summer!

If you have a student in Grade 4, 5 or 6, I have uploaded Instrument Family interactive videos, as students will be able to choose a Band Instrument to play in Grade 5, 6 and 7 if we can manage a schedule. Grade 6 students will be able to be in Band at the other building, but it will (like everything else) look different than our memories. These links will give an idea of how the instruments sound and look. I have one set uploaded and will upload another set with one video for each individual instrument.

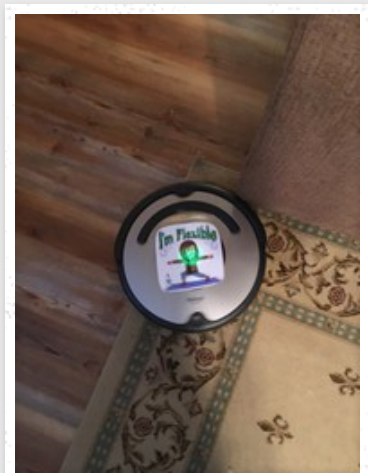
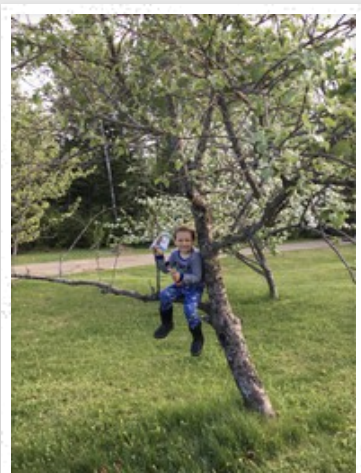
If you have a student in Grade 4, please be sure to return your recorder to the school. It can be returned anytime between now and Friday, June 12. If you need to know the recorder number, I have a record of those and can let you know.

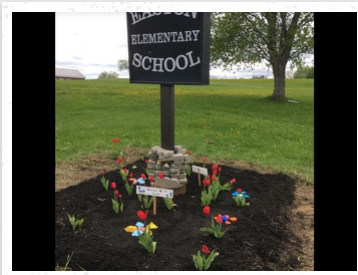
I have certainly missed seeing all of your faces and I have missed hearing all of your music. I missed our final concert at the Elementary building and I can't wait to make music in person with you!

I hope you are all well and that you enjoy a relaxing and restful summer.

Best musical wishes to you all,

Mrs. Kinsey






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