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BCS Families,

I hope this message finds you enjoying the beautiful weather. It feels wonderful to have warm days and sunshine. As the end of the year is in sight, we have some additional updates to share with everyone.

As with everything, the updates shared below are done so with the lens of “at this time.” Things may change and we will do our best to be flexible and adapt if necessary.

### Important Dates:

- **Next Grade Preview Day:** June 8th (Entering Gr 1, 2, 3, 5/6) June 10th (Entering Gr 4)
- **Virtual Field Day:** Tuesday, June 9th
- **PreK Graduation:** Wednesday, June 10th
- **Kindergarten Graduation:** Thursday, June 11th
- **6th Grade Graduation:** Friday, June 12th
- **Last Day of School:** Friday, June 12th - This will be the last day of school for students.
- **Student Material Exchange:** Tuesday, June 16th 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

### Additional Updates:

- **Next Grade Previews** – We have created a Zoom meeting for all students entering Grades 1-6 to meet the current teachers of that grade and to get a preview of next year. The details of this process are included in the [other attachment to this email](#). Please review that letter for the necessary information and times.
- **6th Grade Graduate Signs** – Along with all the certificates, awards, and other documents, during the motorcade, BCS will have a congratulatory lawn sign. Should parents want to purchase one on their own, they of course may, but we will have one for every 6th grader.
- **Motorcade Routes** – Please review [the routes and expected times](#) for our planned motorcades for PK, K, and 6th-grade students. **All stops will be at each student’s house.** If for any reason you cannot make it for the motorcade scheduled time, we will drop materials off at your house.
- **Food Service Update:** The current food services that are taking place at Amity High School and the Amity Middle Schools **will continue through at least June 30<sup>th</sup>**. PLEASE NOTE that on June 10<sup>th</sup>, food service will ONLY be at the middle schools—the high school will NOT be serving due to the graduation ceremony.



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- **Student Material Exchange:**

- On Tuesday, June 16th, we will conduct a student materials exchange. It will take place at both the Town Hall and BCS. Families are asked to bring their child(ren)'s Chromebook and any library books or other school owned materials with them to return to BCS. We will collect these items and have all items from each student's desk and locker for families to pick up.
- The Material Exchange will run from **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Tuesday, June 16th.**
- [Please refer to this map of BCS and the Town Hall](#) for directions on how we will organize the material exchange. We will have staff available to help direct traffic and ask that everyone be patient as we work to be both efficient and safe. **To that end, we ask that all family members stay in their cars.**
- If a family needs to have someone other than a parent or guardian pick up their child(ren)'s materials, they need to fill out [THIS FORM](#). If the form is not filled out, we will need to contact a parent or guardian to release materials to that person.
- Any student who is participating in BCS's Special Education Extended School Year (ESY) Program should keep their Chromebook.
- All library books that are in desks and lockers will be returned by staff. Be aware that **we will need a student's Chrombook and any library books returned before we will send out that child's report card.**
- Finally as part of our work to stay connected, BCS is continuing our tradition of planting and the beautification of the town of Bethany. At the Materials Exchange, we will have some sunflower seeds for every family to take home and plant in their yard or garden. Over the summer while we are still away from each other, the sunflowers will grow and when we are ready to return to school, the sunflowers will be blooming. We hope this will be a way to add a little brightness to everyone's summer.

Thank you again for all the feedback we received on our family and student surveys. I have reviewed all of the responses and am compiling the data and comments to help improve our practice moving forward.

All the best,

Tom Reed-Swale