

From the Principal's Desk



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Can you believe it!? We only have about 30 days of school left to wrap up this unprecedented school year. The end of the year is always busy and exciting at the same time as we get closer to summer. My excitement has to do with all that we have done to make this as good of a school year as possible for everyone. The challenges we have faced while trying to “do school” during Covid-19 will be something that we all will remember for the rest of our lives. I am also excited and looking forward to getting back to a more normal school experience for next year....at least, I hope so!

I wanted to make you aware of what we have going on during the last few weeks of school and what you can anticipate as we move into the summer months and start to prepare for the 2021-2022 academic year.

We will have SOLs in a few weeks but they will be different than in the past. The best part is that the stress of what these tests bring to everyone, will be greatly reduced. While we will be taking them in grades 3 through 5, they will have no bearing on our accreditation. We obviously know that with what we've had to deal with this year, how teaching and learning has occurred, there may be learning loss and gaps in some of our children's academic ability. I would bet though, with our exceptional teachers and staff, we will be surprised at how well our children will perform on these tests. We will get some good data to see where our students stand in terms of their ability and what we will need to do moving forward to “catch up.”

Normally, SOL's take up multiple weeks of instruction. This year however, we will only spend one week taking the time to complete them. That week is May 10th – 14th. More information can be found on the division website and more details will come soon.

Our last week of school is May 24th – 28th. I find myself thinking back to what we were all experiencing during the pandemic this time last year and at the end of school as well. Luckily, we will be able to do a little bit more this year in terms of field days and 5th grade promotion. We will be recording our 5th Grade promotion ceremony and sending a link to parents to view - please know, we still won't be able to have parents come to the building to see the ceremony but we have planned a drive-by send-off on the last day of school. We will also allow any virtual student to come and participate in the promotion ceremony as well. The way I look at it; at least we can provide our students with something like our normal end of year events, even if they aren't all the way back to normal.

The last thing I would like to remind you of is that our teacher appreciation week is May 3rd-7th. If there was ever a year to say thank you for all the hard work you child(ren)'s teacher does, it would be this year. I can't express to you all just how much I admire and appreciate what each and every one of our teachers, IA's, cafeteria staff, custodial staff and office staff members have done this year to simply get through this! But they haven't just “gotten through,” they have gone above and beyond to teach, to nurture, to love on your kids. I hope you can see how lucky we are to have such an amazing staff here at Glen Cove!

Thank you for your continued support and kind words. It goes a long way!

All the best,
Will Krause
Principal