



May 10, 2020

Dear Lower School Families,

I hope this finds you enjoying the start to the three-day weekend, and special well-wishes are extended to all of our moms as we celebrate Mother’s Day today. There are a few announcements for the upcoming week and the rest of May.

Lower School Spirit Week

We will have another Spirit Week this coming week from Tuesday-Friday. Here is [the flyer](#) and details about each day’s event.

Move-Up Program Week for Students

This coming week, we will host our annual “Move-Up Program” online. Students from our PreK through Grade 4 will have the opportunity to learn more about their grade level next year from the teachers who currently teach in that grade level. These programs are live, so it is very important your children know when their sessions are scheduled. Your children’s teachers will send the links and times to you, but below are the days of the Move-up Program schedule.

Tuesday, May 12	current Grade 2
Wednesday, May 13	current PreK and Grade 4
Thursday, May 14	current Kindergarten and Grade 3
Friday, May 15	current Grade 1

Grade-Level Rising Meetings for Parents & Guardians

As many of you know from previous years, we also have annual Parent Coffees in May when parents and guardians have the opportunity to learn about the programs for their children in the grades in which they will be enrolled for next year. These will be done online this year. We will distribute the slideshows and links the day before so parents can review them, and then each grade-level Team Leader along with an administrator will be online live to take any questions you may have. Meetings will be recorded and shared with families afterward for those unable to attend.

DATE	GRADE	TIME
Monday, May 18	Rising 5 (current Grade 4)	6:30-7:15 p.m.
Tuesday, May 19	Rising PreK (current Explorers)	6:30-7:15 p.m.
Tuesday, May 19	Rising 2 (current Grade 1)	7:30-8:15 p.m.
Wednesday, May 20	Rising 1 (current Kindergarten)	6:30-7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, May 20	Rising 3 (current Grade 2)	7:30-8:15 p.m.
Thursday, May 21	Rising Kg (current PreK)	6:30-7:15 p.m.
Thursday, May 21	Rising Grade 4 (current Grade 3)	7:30-8:15 p.m.

Grade 5 Closing Ceremony

Our Grade 5 Closing Ceremony will be online on Friday, May 29, at 9:00 a.m. (as currently scheduled on the school calendar). This will be a recorded ceremony that will be followed by the fifth-graders and their parents/guardians invited to come to campus in order to pick up their certificates and gift bags from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at school (students will stay in their cars, and the parent/guardians pick up the bags from a table). Fifth grade teachers will be there to wave and cheer as families drive by and provide closure for our fifth-graders as they move on to Middle School in the fall.

Mark your calendar...**“A Year in Review” Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences**

We will have online conferences on May 26-28. These will be school days for students, but your children’s homeroom teachers will provide time slots to have an online conference and talk about the year.

Student Information Form for 2020-21 School Year

This is the last week to complete the form to provide us information about your child as we begin to create class lists for the 2020-21 school year. Please complete this [short form](#) to help us in this process. The school does not accept requests for a specific teacher. If you have multiple children in the Lower School, you will need to complete a separate form for each child. If you do choose to complete the form, the deadline is Friday, May 15.

Feedback

Please feel free to share [feedback with me](#) about how things are going for your children and you in your roles of supporting their online learning programs.

I wish you all a wonderful three-day weekend.

Be well,
Mark