Dear Cottage Lake Families,

I want to personally thank you for going the extra mile to recognize our amazing Cottage Lake staff last week!! We have teachers, paraeducators, office staff, nurse, custodial stall, and kitchen staff who are part of our school community. I have seen a few special gestures that were presented to staff and I really want to share how much I appreciate you partnering to honor our school heroes! I am so blessed to have each of these professionals as part of our team!

Continuing to thank our heroes, thank you to all our nurses that are part of our parent community and school community. This past week also included Nurse Appreciation day. There are not enough words to share my appreciation for all our nurses who support our community and students. Thank you for giving selflessly!

A final hero to thank is all our mothers!! You have taken on more this year than you probably ever imagined you would and you are rocking it!! I thank you all. Thank you for sharing your children with us at Cottage Lake and for all you do every day for your families. You help to provide love, food, shelter, and family within your homes. Thank you for all you do!

Below are a few repeat reminders for you to review. There will be more updates to come regarding individual grade level parent meetings and other updates regarding end of year events. Stay tuned.

**REPEAT...PARENT INPUT FORM FOR CLASS PLACEMENT CONSIDERATION:**
Each year, we create a class input form, but this year it is digital, like the rest of our world. This form is similar for students at Bear Creek, Cottage Lake, East Ridge, and Sunrise. We met earlier this year and aligned the form and decided to create one that we could all use for our families.

Please visit this embedded Google form link to complete the [2020-2021 OPTIONAL Parent Input form](mailto:https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1u77x7777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777777
For families joining us from Bear Creek, teachers from Bear Creek will be assisting in class placements for next year, as well. Whenever possible, I will try to pair students with other good student connections also joining us from Bear Creek. Please contact Jen Welch, Principal (jwelch@nsd.org) with specific questions.

**REPEAT...KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR:**
I want to remind everyone we are still accepting Kindergarten registrations for this upcoming 2020-2021 school year. All registrations are online and can be accessed at [www.nsd.org/enroll](http://www.nsd.org/enroll). If you know of anyone who will be five years old by August 31, please have them register soon for Kindergarten. Our Cottage Lake’s Kindergarten numbers are fairly low at this time and I am beginning to work on staffing our school with remarkable teachers for next year. Registrations matter. :)

**REPEAT...WE MISS YOU!**
Our Sailor staff came together to put together this video to share with our students and families how much we miss everyone! Please feel free to share this with your child(ren). This is made with love. <3

**REPEAT...NORTHSHORE LEARNS 2.0:**
This link will take you to the official Northshore Learns 2.0 website. [https://www.nsd.org/covid19/northshore-learns](https://www.nsd.org/covid19/northshore-learns) We continue to have 6 weeks of learning ahead of us. To maximize this learning, it is important to establish expectations for all students during this distance learning. A few expectations could be reinforced with a schedule that helps students see how their day will be divided. If I could be of assistance creating or brainstorming with you about a schedule, please let me know.

To assist in providing a few quick links, here are links to the PE and Music Google Sites for you. Mrs. Sterling, our Librarian, will post links to her assignments to your student’s specific online platform (Google Classroom, Microsoft Teams, or SeeSaw).

Music: [https://sites.google.com/apps.nsd.org/cottage-lake-music/home](https://sites.google.com/apps.nsd.org/cottage-lake-music/home)
PE: [https://sites.google.com/apps.nsd.org/cottage-lake-elementary/home](https://sites.google.com/apps.nsd.org/cottage-lake-elementary/home)

**PTA NOTES:**
Our PTA is a critical partner to our work to support students and teachers. After our PTA meeting last week, here are some updates for you.

- **Recognition awards** - PTA has created an online form to gather submissions for our Golden Sailboat (staff award) and Golden Acord (volunteer award) for this spring. [Here is the link for the form.](#) You can vote for a staff member and you can also submit a name for the volunteer award, as well. Submissions are **due May 12**. Please nominate members who have gone the extra mile this year to support you and our students!

- **Rock the Night Away... or Rock the “week” Away....** with the Cottage Lake PTA Online Auction from May 9th to May 16th! Please visit this link: [cleauction2020.givesmart.com](#) to register and view the items for sale. If you bid on a quick sale item, that is one you can buy on the spot. Anything you bid on is open for the entire week. Please pass along the website above to any friends and families who would be interested in supporting our amazing school. Thank You so much for your generosity and support!

I hope you are all doing well and staying safe. I miss you all and miss our students, as well! This has been a remarkable weekend and hope you found time to enjoy the outdoors and the vitamin D. If there is anything I can do to support you or your family, please do let me know. Finally, I want to again share a Happy Mother’s Day to all our moms!!

Take Care,
Jennifer Welch, Principal