Dear Cottage Lake Families,

I can hardly believe we are welcoming June and the final three weeks of the school year. This year has certainly not been what we had hoped it would be, but we have sure learned a lot and we have come together for our students. The month of June typically presents a number of emotions, for a number of reasons. Tonight, as I write this newsletter, I come to you with a mix of emotions from this week in our country. I would predict each of you have encountered various emotions, as well. I come to you as a mother, daughter, educator, advocate, and as your Principal. We have people all around us hurting due to systemic and institutional injustices. I believe in our students and we have the ability together to write a new story in history. I commit to standing tall as an ally and an advocate for our students, especially those who have been traditionally marginalized and/or segregated against. I am asking for your partnership in these times to form a unity, a commitment to stand with and for each of our students. At Cottage Lake, we are a family….a community… where each student [and family] matters. Together, we are Sailors Strong!

As Sailors, we Show Respect, Act Safely, Show Individual Responsibility and are Learning Ready. The next three weeks are ones where our students can shine and continue to persevere. We hope each student will engage in the activities planned and give their all, all the way until June 19. We can do this!

Below there are important reminders and information for you. Please read it through and let me know if you have questions. I appreciate your continued support.

**PICK-UP OF STUDENT MATERIALS LEFT AT SCHOOL:**
During the next two weeks, staff will be coming into school to pack up your student’s supplies that were left in their desk, artwork, or any other items that are still left behind. We will be packaging them in bags, with student names on them. As you can imagine, this will be a lot of work, but staff is committed to ensuring we gather all items to be returned to each student.

As a district, we have set the week of June 15 as our pick-up week for student belongings. As a school and district, we have set a very specific plan for student materials pick-up. I will continue to share more as the weeks progress, but here are the overall guidelines.

1. Our pick up will be Monday, June 15 and Tuesday, June 16.
2. Medication pick up is separate from this event. Nurse Audrey has emailed parents already regarding this pick up.
3. All families will need to pick up materials in their vehicle, via the front of the school, in our bus or car pick-up loops.

4. Pick up time is assigned by student’s **LAST NAME**
   a. June 15
   i. Last names A-D @ 9:00-10:00 AM
   ii. Last names E-H @ 10:00-11:00 AM
   iii. Last names I-L @ 1:00-2:00 PM
   iv. Last names M-P @ 2:00-3:30 PM
   b. June 16
   i. Last names Q-T @ 9:00-10:00 AM
   ii. Last names U-Z @ 10:00-11:00 AM

5. Prior to pick up, prepare a sign with your child’s **LAST NAME** written clear and BIG. Please display the sign on your passenger side of your dash, so that it is clearly visible to staff.

6. Our drop-off/pick up will occur in the front of the school, in our bus loop and car pick-up loop. Each loop will have signs to indicate the specific alphabet letters will be picked up in that loop. No parking is allowed.

7. Remain in a single file line along the curb. Continue pulling forward as you are able. There will be staff directing you.

8. Students should bring all library books to be returned to this event. Staff will be ready to collect all library books!!

If your student(s) will be enrolled in NSD during the 2020-2021 school year, students and families can keep hotspots and devices borrowed from the school and district over the summer. We will collect those when we return to school.

More information will be coming in the next newsletter. If you have individual questions, please reach out to Jen Welch (jwelch@nsd.org) or Sarah McKinnon (smckinnon@nsd.org). Thank you for your partnership.

**PLEASE UPDATE YOUR ZOOM APP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

This weekend Zoom is requiring all users to upgrade to version 5.0.2 or later on PC/Mac and 5.0.0 on Chromebooks and most mobile devices, so please take a moment to make sure that you are up to date!

*Using a district student device, like a Chromebook or MacBook or an iPad?*
All you have to do is restart the device and it will get the correct version of Zoom. That is all there is to it!

Using a Personal PC or Mac?

Open the Zoom app and sign in to Zoom. Once the app appears click your avatar (this might be your initials) in the upper right of the app window (not the website) and select "Check for Updates" from the menu that appears. Follow the instructions from the app to download and install the update.

Using a Personal Chromebook?

Restarting the Chromebook should get the latest version automatically! You can check your version by entering chrome://extensions/ into the address bar and then clicking the "Details" button for the Zoom app. (Not Zoom Scheduler, that is different.)

If for some reason you cannot get the Zoom app to update to at least 5.0.0, be sure to confirm that your Chromebook has the latest version of the Chrome OS and then try removing and re-adding the Zoom extension.

Using a Personal mobile phone or tablet?

If you do not have automatic updates turned on then please use the manual method to update the Zoom app on your device. This can vary between models and operating systems, so please consult your phone or tablet's help for details.

FIFTH GRADE FAMILIES:
Families of the Class of 2027! The end of the year is quickly approaching. We want to celebrate your students and show our Sailor pride! The staff has planned two events:

- Thursday, June 18 - We will continue to hold and recognize our 5th grader at their Promotion ceremony. This pre-recorded ceremony will broadcast at 2:30 PM. More details to come, including the link.
- Thursday, June 18 - We welcome our 5th grade families for a Promotion Parade @ 5:30 PM. We encourage you to decorate your cars, bring your smiles, and come drive through our bus and pick-up loops, while we celebrate our students.
This is a way to shower our 5th graders with love and celebration as they sail onto middle school in the fall.

**REPEAT...END OF YEAR GRADING:**
The district has been working hard to determine what our end of year report card will look like, given our pandemic and distance learning. While some components are still under development, I am happy to share a few details with you.

For the end of the year, the Northshore School District has adopted a ‘Prepared’ and ‘Prepared with Support’ approach to the final Elementary Report Card. Students will receive their end-of-year designation based on their engagement during distance learning. Students have the ability to engage in a variety of ways. A few ideas of engagement are: students can be in direct contact with their teacher(s), viewing live or recorded lessons, work completion and submissions of their work, and participating in live conversations and chats related to learning.

The typical Elementary Report Card will not be utilized. Rather, an abbreviated 2019-20 report, similar to the quarter progress reports, will be developed. A note accompanying this report will designate that the end of the 2019-20 school year was unique, that grading practices were adopted to account for the circumstances influencing this year’s final semester, and provide an explanation of the notations used for grades.

I would like to continue to encourage your student’s participation in distance learning. If I can be of support to you or your student, please reach out and we can work collaboratively together. I’m here to assist.

**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. :)

**PTA NOTES:**
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to Megan Mehlum for being named as PTA’s Golden Acorn winner this year! Megan is an incredible volunteer at our school and has
gone above and beyond for our school. She gives her time and energy to various things, including being a board member of the PTA and running the PTA programs.

- June 9, from 7:00-8:00 PM is our final PTA meeting of this school year. Please follow this link to join us for the meeting. We’d love to have many people attend.

I thank you for trusting us with your children and supporting the education at Cottage Lake.

Take Care,
Jennifer Welch, Principal