Dear Cottage Lake Families,

Happy Memorial Day! Today is not a day off, rather a day on to remember those men and women who died during their service in our US Military. For those of you who have or currently are serving our country, Thank You!

This week marks the end of May and the final four weeks of the 2019-2020 school year. It is hard to believe we have been engaging in our distance learning for 10 weeks now. You and your student(s) have overcome so many obstacles, but we also recognize there are still challenges. We are here to partner with you! If we can be of support to you, your child, or your family, please do let us know. We are happy to brainstorm strategies with you or direct you to resources that could be helpful, as well. I know we can do hard things together and I believe in our Cottage Lake family. Thank you for supporting our distance learning!! We could NOT do this work without you!

With the holiday today, this is a reminder there is NO SCHOOL today. Distance learning will resume on Tuesday, May 26, with a typical Tuesday schedule. We have decided as a staff at Cottage Lake that we do not want our students to choose between classroom content and supports received through EL, LAP, or services within Special Education. For this reason, we will embed reading work that would have been delivered on Monday into our Math lessons on Wednesday, May 27, and Writing lessons on Friday, May 29.

In other words:
- Monday - No School for the observance of Memorial Day
- Tuesday will remain small groups, teacher office hours, and services provided by our support staff (Special Education, OT, Speech, and LAP/EL)
- Wednesday will remain math instruction, with reading woven in, as well.
- Thursday will remain small groups, teacher office hours, and services provided by our support staff (Special Education, OT, Speech, and LAP/EL)
- Friday will remain Writing instruction with reading woven in, as well.

Thank you for your support of each student and ensuring all students have the opportunity to access the support and services they need to be successful.

PICK-UP OF STUDENT MATERIALS LEFT AT SCHOOL
In the next newsletter sent to families, there will be specific information shared regarding the schedule for pick-up of student materials, medications, and the return of Library books. All this will be occurring during the week of June 15. There will be a set time assigned for families to come to school; assigned by your grade level, teacher, and
last name of student. Families will stay in your car and drive through our two front loops (bus loop and car pick-up loop) to gather materials and drop off 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.

**GATHERING COMMUNITY VOICES DURING COVID-19**
During these unique times, we would like to gather Northshore School District voices to help share perspectives and build connections within our community to help understand one another. Please share this form with your Northshore School District community and/or use this form to share your own stories or experiences. We are working on providing translated versions of these forms. The form is now also available in Spanish, **Recolectando voces de la comunidad durante COVID-19**.

**MEETING UNMET NEEDS DURING COVID-19**
While we've worked to problem solve many needs in our community, many are still experiencing unmet needs. Please share this form with your Northshore School District community and/or complete this form yourself to let the District know about any of your unmet needs so we can help provide guidance or support. We are working on providing translated versions of these forms. The form is now also available in Spanish, **Satisfacer a las necesidades durante COVID-19**.

**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. 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...NORTHSHERE LEARN 2.0:
This link will take you to the official Northshore Learns 2.0 website. [https://www.nsd.org/covid19/northshore-learns] We continue to have 4 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
PE: https://sites.google.com/apps.nsd.org/cottage-lake-elementary/home

PTA NOTES:
Congratulations to our new PTA board elected for the 2020-2021 school year.
Co-Presidents - Rachel Tarr & Carrie Mizenko
Secretary - Beth Rampson
Co-Communications - Kristen Hansen & Kim Ohlenkamp
Co-Treasurer - Nicole Deviou
  ● Co-Treasurer - **one position still open**
Co-Fundraising - Kimberly Wyckoff
  ● Co-Fundraising - **one position still open**
Co-Events - Regina Krigsvold & Nicole Griffiths

I hope you and your family are remaining safe and healthy. We all miss you and look forward to seeing you in just a few weeks to gather student materials.

Take Care,
Jennifer Welch, Principal