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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are now in the final stretch toward the end of what has been a very unusual school year. None of us could have anticipated the challenges that parents, students, and staff have faced this spring, but your child's teachers are determined to finish the year on a positive note, by celebrating the learning and wonderful relationships that have formed between teachers and students and among peers this year.

End-of-Year Schedule

The last day of school for students will be June 9. In lieu of an in-person send-off, we will be putting on a BES Staff Car Parade around Bradford, starting at 10 am. The school day will end at 12:00pm. Stay tuned for more information on this next week.

Report Cards

Due to the school closure in March, instead of providing our typical Trimester 3 grades, we will be providing narratives of the content covered, with the understanding that many students will need to be re-taught this material when we return to school. Report cards will be mailed in mid-late June.

If your child is in kindergarten through 5th grade, the report card will include the name of your child's teacher next fall. Please know that this is tentative, and may be subject to change depending on health guidance from the state of Vermont. There are many unknowns at this point, including whether we will return to school or continue remote learning in the fall, or some combination of the two. This summer, I will be working diligently with the Superintendent and other OESU administrators to create a plan for learning for the fall, in conjunction with emerging state guidance. I will be in touch with you over the summer as these plans evolve.

Item Exchange

Many students still have belongings at school. In addition, most students have items from school that need to be returned, including computers, library books, classroom books, or books borrowed from Mrs. Owen. We have put together a plan to ensure a safe return of all these items.

We have created scheduled times for an "exchange" to take place whereby parents can come to the back parking lot/circle to drop-off their child/children's Chromebook(s) and any other school-owned materials, and at the same time, pick-up artwork, classwork, and personal belongings. Your child's teacher will send reminders to you about your scheduled time.

Please see the Item Exchange schedule on the next page.

June 9	June 11	June 16	June 18
8-9:30 am Grades PK and K	8-9:30 am Grades PK and K	8-9:30 am Grades 5 and 6	8-9:30 am Grades 5 and 6
9:30-11 am Staff Parade	9:30-11 am Grades 1 and 2	9:30-11am Grades 3 and 4	9:30-11am Grades 3 and 4
11-12:30 pm Staff Parade	11-12:30 pm Grades 3 and 4	11am-12:30 pm Grades 1 and 2	11-12:30 pm Grades 1 and 2
12:30-2 pm Grades 5 and 6	12:30-2 pm Grades 5 and 6	12:30-2 pm PK and K	12:30-2 pm PK and K

June 9: Evening Option
4-6:30 pm All grades

Please follow these guidelines when coming for the Item Exchange:

- Put all school-owned books, materials, and Chromebooks in a bag labeled with your child's/children's name(s) that can be handed to staff from your car.
- All items being picked up have been quarantined for 24 hours for your safety.
- Please come at the time that your OLDEST child is scheduled.
- When you arrive in the back circle, you will be greeted by a staff member at the entrance to the back driveway.
- Everyone must stay in the car and wear masks if you have them.
- If you are unable to make it your scheduled time, we encourage you to ask friends or family members if they could come for you.

Many of you have expressed concerns, to your child's teacher or to me, about your child's learning and well-being during this period of school closure, or fears that your child may be behind when we return to school. I want to reassure you that we will meet your child where he/she is, both academically and social-emotionally, and we will adapt our programs to most effectively meet students' needs upon return. Over the summer, I encourage you to focus on preparing your child socially and emotionally for the return to school by emphasizing loving relationships, listening to your child's hopes and fears, and supporting your child in having a healthy, safe, and happy summer. Reading with your child, spending time outdoors, and engaging in family fun are all great ways to connect with your child and prepare her/him for a good return to school.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions, and we look forward to celebrating the end of the year with your child.

Respectfully,



Kate K. Paxton, Ph.D.
Principal