

May 8, 2020

Dear Grace Community:

Time continues to rush onward even though it feels like we are stuck in place. I know we are continuing to feel the loss of being together in one place with our beloved Grace community. I am grateful to our faculty and our parents for collaborating deeply this spring to support and inspire all of our students. We also want to thank you for the beautiful displays of support during this Teacher Appreciation Week!

Given the news that we won't be returning to school, the administrative team has been working diligently to consider how we can come together and celebrate the many achievements of the year including the graduation of our Grade 5 class. Below is an outline of our final major events with some descriptions about how we will enjoy each.

Wednesday, May 20

- Awards Chapel, "live" via Zoom at 12:45 pm. Because of this unique year and this small class, in addition to the Daniel Benner Award, the Theolyn Wilson Music Award, and the Drew Nealley Walkers' Club awards, all seven Grade 5 students will receive awards. Please attend with your children!

Monday, May 25

- Memorial Day - NO DISTANCE LEARNING

Wednesday, May 27

- One of our most beloved end-of-year events is our Chapel featuring Grade 5 students sharing prayers they have written for the Grace community. Their readings will be pre-recorded and we will gather "live" via Zoom at 12:45 pm to watch.

Friday, May 29

- Virtual Field Day! We'll begin the day with live Assembly at 9:00 am where Mr. Phelan will lead us in the pledge and we will view a video of field day events you can enjoy at

home this year.

Monday, June 1

- Family and Teacher Conferences begin

Thursday, June 4

- “Clap Out” on the Grace campus at 3:00 pm. Grade 5 graduates will come to school and line up at least 6 feet apart at the front entrance. The entire Grace community will be invited to come to school, stay in their cars, and drive around the circle and cheer, honk, and clap for the graduates! Please enter the driveway as you would for drop-off and follow traffic patrol from there. It is also a time to say goodbye to teachers and our beloved campus. Information about retrieving belongings will be in a future communication.

Friday, June 5

- Graduation, “Live” via Zoom and Pre-recorded, 9:00 am

We look forward to seeing you at these events!

I also wanted to share that with support from our Finance Committee Chair, we were able to secure a PPP loan through the CARES Act in the second round. If you haven't had a chance, see an article where Grace is featured [here](#). This money will be used to support payroll and pay our mortgage as we enter the beginning of our next fiscal year.

Finally, your child will receive a complimentary yearbook from Grace in June. I am grateful to Ms. McHugh for her incredible work on this book and can't wait for you all to see it.

Be well and stay safe,

Jen Danish