

June 5, 2020

Dear Spaulding Families,

**Note from Dr. Pangallo:** I'm sure many of you are aware I will be retiring at the end of this school year. It was not my intent to leave AWS so soon, but there are family needs which require my attention.

During my time in Suffield I've had the marvelous opportunity to grow and learn as an educator and a leader, along-side wonderful and supportive colleagues. I've been fortunate to work with a dedicated and caring staff, and to partner with invested and loving parents. All of my students have found a place in my heart. Leaving them is the hardest.

I want to thank the Suffield Public Schools for providing me the opportunity to be a part of a dynamic, student centered, forward moving district. While difficult to leave, it's a positive and rewarding capstone to my career. Thank you.

**Last day of school:** As a reminder to all families the last day of school is **Thursday, June 18th**. Teachers will continue to provide lessons and feedback to students through this date.

**Phase 5 of Distance Learning:** Beginning Monday, June 8th we will be moving into phase 5 of our distance learning. This will be a phase down period for everyone. Interactive lessons will be replaced with pre-recorded mini-lessons for the remaining nine days of the school year. During this period, our teachers will also be attending to their end-of-year procedures at different times during the school day. Important to note, our administration and teachers will also be utilizing this time to prepare for distance learning should it be necessary for the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year. We are hopeful that this will not be the case; however, it is important that we prepare for this outcome if this decision is made.

**Report Cards:** Report cards will be sent home via Messenger on Thursday, June 18th. Our teachers will be providing grades based on students' learning throughout the school year. While we have done our best to provide students with a continuity of learning you will notice that for each grade level there are a few standards that

were not introduced during this year. Our teachers will be developing units of study for the fall that will address these standards.

**Summer School Information:** be on the lookout early next week for district information about Summer Learning opportunities. The district will be providing online learning opportunities in Reading and Math for four weeks of the summer.

**Other Summer Learning Opportunities:** In addition to online Summer School students will continue to have the opportunity to use Lexia, Dreambox, and Razkids. School staff will be monitoring these programs this summer to provide feedback and support to students.

**Field Day Activities:** Next week Mr. Bourgoïn has partnered with the McAlister Physical Education staff to put together family field day activities for the week. Our annual field day is a highlight of our year and although we will certainly miss this yearly event we are hoping you will all enjoy some family time outdoors enjoying these activities.

**Mindfulness Corner:** Hello Spaulding families. We hope you are enjoying this lovely June weather! This week your students embarked on week two of their Problem Solving social skills series. In week two they learned the following:

- Stop and name their feeling
- Label the problem
- Begin to recognize the feelings of others
- Generate 3 possible solutions
- Pick the best solution
- Try the solution and assess if it worked to solve the problem

We have been so pleased with the interaction we have seen through our social skills lessons and would like to take a moment to say we **truly appreciate** the time and effort you take to assist and support your students social and emotional learning. As you know, we find it so important to implement these skills, at this age. Thank you, it truly is a team effort here and we see that.

If you would like to revisit this week's book recording you can click here: [Book Recording Link](#), and if you would like to practice the problem solving activity sheet from this week, you can click here: [Problem Solving Cartoon](#).

If you missed our newsletter on Monday morning, please click here: [Family Newsletter: Diversity Resources for Families](#)

As always, we love to hear from our Spaulding families so please do not hesitate to reach out to either/both of us. We hope you are doing well and staying healthy.

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## Reminders:

- **Thursday, June 18, Last Day of School**
- June 8th-June 12th Field Day Activities
- Thursday, June 18, Report cards sent home via Messenger
- If your student is having technology problems with a school provided device, please use this [technology link](#) to make our technology department aware of the issue. This link is always available on the district website.
- Lunches/breakfasts will continue to be provided on the Monday, Wednesday, Friday schedule. You don't need to sign up again if you have already done so. If you have not previously signed up and would like to, please use the following link and fill out a form for each of your children. [food sign-up link](#).
- Our Class of 2033 Kindergarten Screenings scheduled for April 9, 22, and 23 have been cancelled. We will be in contact with our incoming kindergarten families in the future with revised plans. Please continue to submit registration paperwork to Jamie Neilson in our district's Central Office. If you have any questions regarding registration please contact Jamie at [jberry@suffield.org](mailto:jberry@suffield.org)
- Kent Memorial Curbside Pickup: We're fortunate to have the Kent Memorial Library in Suffield! They are now offering [Curbside Pickup Services](#) where patrons can borrow and return books while maintaining social distancing.

We miss you all!



Sincerely,  
Roxanne & Kris

