

May 14, 2020

Dear 6th Grade Families,

We have spent the past week creating plans for the clearing of the school building along with the organization of end of the year events. As you know, your children have a field trip tomorrow and they will have a virtual field day experience in June. We will, also, have our traditional yet virtual commencement ceremony on June 17th. (I will share a time for that event soon.) Additionally, our 6th grade video is being worked on as is our memory book.

Next week, we'd like to begin clearing out student materials with our 6th graders. Students will have the opportunity to clean out their lockers, return library books and any unneeded classroom books (like copies of "The Upstairs Room"). Please also return safety patrol belts in a plastic bag. We would also like an opportunity to take their photograph in their 6th grade shirt. Since the class did not have a class photo taken this year, we'd like to create a collage of the 6th grade in their shirts for the memory book.

We realize some families may be uncomfortable entering the building and any materials that are not picked up or photographs not taken, we will work to create alternate plans for the week of May 25th. However, if you are okay with your child coming with you or alone into the building, we will supply trash bags for locker clean-out and rubber gloves. We do ask that you provide your own face covering as this will be required for anyone entering the building.

There will be numerous protocols in place to minimize contact from all doors being open to reduce contact on surfaces to staggered times for pick-up. To sign up to visit OPS on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, please first ask your child if they have an **upstairs** or a **downstairs** locker. This will impact what time you choose. (Families with multiple children may take one slot for the entire family.) You can sign up for a time <u>here</u>. This form will also be on the front page of the OPS website. Additionally, I have attached a map of how students/families will enter the building at the main door and exit on Center Street by the basketball court.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I know that this is a confusing time for our 6th graders. Our goal is to continue to provide them with some consistency while also showing them, through some special events, that they are loved members of the OPS community.

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P.S. Just a reminder that you can pick up your 6th grade lawn sign at 786 Ridgewood Ave. today from 1:00 - 3:00 and Tuesday, May 19th, from 3:00 - 5:00. It will be placed in your trunk for you.