



Ashby Public School

Preparing Students for Success

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Good evening Ashby families:

The last day of school is usually one of celebration and maybe, in this case, it is, however, without having the students in school it doesn't feel as special. We didn't have the opportunity to celebrate by having a picnic, playing games outside, or by giving everyone a farewell speech thanking them for all they did throughout the year and wishing them a good summer. So though for many of you, there is the relief that distance learning is over for the year, which there is for us as well, there is also this feeling of grief for not having closure on a most unusual school year.

Though distance learning is over we have a couple of items to address to make sure that our year comes to close.

- ❑ Next Tuesday and Wednesday will be the final days of food delivery and school-aged child care. We hope that these services were helpful to all of you and appreciate your flexibility and understanding as we rolled these programs out.
- ❑ Though there was some confusion with material pick up, we were able to collect most of our students' school materials. We will be returning to all Ashby Public School homes using our bus routes on Tuesday to collect school-owned devices. If you have additional school instruments or textbooks, please include them in your drop off container.
- ❑ Our annual Awards Banquet is just about finished. We will be posting this program on our website and social media accounts as soon as we can.
- ❑ Graduation will be hosted tomorrow Saturday, May 23rd at 2:00 pm in the school parking lot for seniors and immediate family only. We will be broadcasting the program through an FM transmitter. As of right now people can tune in to 98.9 on their FM radio to hear the program as long as they are within a block or two of the school. Commencement will also be live-streamed on our NFHS network online. The link for this can be found on our school website.
- ❑ Following commencement at approximately 3:15, we will be hosting a parade to celebrate the seniors. The parade line will begin at our concession stand and will move through our north parking lot where our seniors will be parked following commencement. There will be baskets in front of each car for those of you wanting to leave a card or a gift.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you for your patience, understanding, and hard work over the last two months. No one was prepared to move our students into distance learning, not you as parents, your students, or us as educators could have predicted how things were going to go. Through all of this, I have gained a deeper appreciation for our community, not only our school community but the community of Ashby in general. We are fortunate to work and live among a group of people so willing to work together regardless of whether we needed to be apart. The support for our community businesses and school was inspiring and a true reflection of the people living in this town. This process and these times were manageable because of all of you and I want to say thank you. Enjoy this summer and time with your kids. Take a break from distance learning and go back to enjoying each other.

I will be reaching out in the coming weeks with some surveys and asking families to finish registering for our new communication tool Seesaw. Until then be well, and be happy!

Respectfully,

Jon Moore
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