June 15, 2020

Dear Sachem Elementary Families,

The purpose of this letter is to update you with regards to our 5th Grade Moving Up Ceremonies. We have worked with the Department of Health guidance to implement the following adjustments for our ceremonies:

- A “Moving Up” ceremony video will be shared through your child’s Google Classroom. The video will have applicable speeches, award accolades and other various montages of a traditional ceremony.
- The video will be followed by a “drive-through” ceremony at your child’s school whereby students will receive their certificates and awards, as appropriate. Please review the social distancing guidelines we must adhere to below: (Updated)
  - Students, and family members should arrive by car at the assigned time for the “drive through”.
  - Upon arrival, individual students may exit their car individually, to walk up to the clearly marked certificate/award staging area to be given their ceremony items. Both faculty and students shall wear a face mask during this time.
  - The student will remain in the marked area and will be given a photo opportunity taken by the family and/or faculty member.
  - The student may remove their mask having their individual photo taken.
  - At the conclusion, the student will return to their car with their family and proceed to exit the “drive through” route.

Applicable information for individual ceremonies will come from your child’s principal, including date and time. Please note that while we expect to hold the ceremonies rain or shine, in the event of extreme weather, we have marked off rain dates for each school.

We thank you for your feedback, patience and understanding. There is no easy way to implement the safeguards we must without it feeling somewhat impersonal. Please know however, that we are looking forward to celebrating this special milestone with you and your child!

Sincerely,
Erin Hynes