This is our final school news for the 20-21 school year and I just want to thank our families for all the support, patience, understanding and just being an all-around great community.

- The last day of school for our 5<sup>th</sup> graders is Tuesday and Pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> grade last day is this Wednesday.
- Families, we will be having a full renovation of our Air Conditioning systems this summer so our campus will be a construction zone with a lot of mess. If you need something your best bet is to call the front office Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We are going to schedule our Deer Park Meet the Teacher Day for Monday August 9<sup>th</sup> and students return to school the very next day on Tuesday August 10<sup>th</sup>. This Meet the Teacher Day is different from the rest of the district as I need to give the construction team the longest amount of time to put our campus back together. Please mark your calendars now so you don't get confused. Meet the Teacher Day August 9<sup>th</sup>, First Day of School August 10<sup>th</sup>.
- On Tuesday this week we have a Clap Out Ceremony for our 5<sup>th</sup> graders and our parking lot and front office will be closed to incoming traffic or visitors from 9:15 to 10:30. Please plan appropriately if you have to drop something off or you are running late on Tuesday. Again, we will not be able to have any drop offs on Tuesday from 9:15 to 10:30.
- I also want to let parents know that I do not take teacher requests for next year's teacher. Class lists have already been made by the current teachers and we have created classes that meet the needs of all learners. Have a great summer everyone and now the next part of our message is ONLY for our current 5<sup>th</sup> grade families.

## 5th Grade Families ONLY

Monday and Tuesday are big days for our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in Soaring Eagles, Key Deer and our Coyote 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

- Monday is our Promotion Ceremony <u>Ceremony Information.docx</u> beginning at 9

   a.m. This is a closed ceremony for students and staff only. However, we will be doing Facebook Live as well as recording the ceremony to send out to 5<sup>th</sup> grade families later this week. So, feel free to view our Deer Park Elementary School Facebook page and catch a glimpse of your child. <u>deer park 5th grade program pdf final.pdf</u>
- On Tuesday our entire school will Clap Out the 5<sup>th</sup> graders as they take their final walk through the campus sidewalks. We are inviting 5<sup>th</sup> grade families to join us as this is an all-outdoor event. Be sure to ask your child for the packet <u>CLAP OUT MAP.docx</u> sent home on Friday as it has all the directions to make this event a safe time for everyone. There will be no cars allowed on campus from 9:15 to 10:30. All 5<sup>th</sup> grade families are asked to park at the Verizon Center in the grassy area only and walk down to our Car Loop gates that will be open. From there you will just wait to see the sign with your child's teacher's name on it and follow the staff member to

capture video and pictures of your child as the come through the gazebo for their very last time. We invite you to check out your child and go celebrate with them. This will be an excused absence and all you have to do is let your child's teacher know that this is what you will be doing. 5<sup>th</sup> graders do not have to come to school on Wednesday as this is a special gift to them in recognition of their promotion. Thank you all for a great year and we're hoping you get to create some special moments during these crazy pandemic times.