

5-25-18

Hello MLS Families:

The last week (or three days) of school is coming on quick and there is so much excitement around the school. We are going to have lots of fun next week as we celebrate our school year and roll into the summer on a positive note. I am proud of the effort our students have shown on a daily basis and feel great about all the progress made throughout the year. Our students have faced challenges, found ways to solve problems, and grown socially and academically. Along the way, your children have had kind and compassionate educators guiding them towards their goals and encouraging them to keep going. I have the honor of witnessing small miracles every day in the classroom and around the building which reinforces my belief in our school and the wonderful, dedicated staff that serve this community. I encourage you and your child to thank these special people as the school year ends.

I hope that your summer is amazing and that your children continue to engage in problem-solving, decision-making, and creative thinking. The summer can be daunting for families but focusing on outdoor play, daily reading, chores, household projects, community service, math fact practice, and other meaningful work can help provide enough structure to prevent your kids from becoming lethargic and bored. You might want to consider a system where your child **earns** screen time based on the amount of reading or other work they do. Your child can also access MobyMax and other web-based academic programs if this helps her/him to feel motivated to continue academic pursuits. The most important thing is that children feel productive and do something rather than sitting on a couch all day in front of a screen.

I have included some details below about the last week of school. Please read the information about field day and the school picnic carefully so you are in the know. We want everything to run smoothly so your help is appreciated. Feel free to contact the Mills Lawn office or your child's teacher for further details or questions you may have. My sincere hope is that your family has a restful, safe, and engaging summer. Take care and thanks for a great school year!

Warmly,

Matt Housh, Principal
Mills Lawn School

Important Details for the Last Week:

- **Tuesday, May 29th**
 - The main event is 6th Grade Graduation (6:30 - 7:30). We will honor these wonderful students and wish them well going forward.
- **Wednesday, May 30th - FIELD DAY!!!**
 - Our Field Day schedule is 9:00-11:15 (4th-6th) and 12:15-2:30 (K-3rd).



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- This is run by Mr. Grote and parent volunteers; please sign up if you want to be a part of this awesome effort (rgrote@ysschools.org).
- Students often get very wet so send a change of clothes in anticipation. This is mainly for 4th-6th since our K-3rd graders will dismiss shortly after their time.
- **Thursday, May 31st - LAST DAY!!!**
 - It's a 2 hour early release day so school ends at 12:45pm.
 - The morning will include a "Work Bee" with students helping in their classrooms and around the school to clean up, organize, and close things down.
 - We will have a school picnic and **you are invited to join us**. The schedule for K-2nd students is to play from 10:30-11:00 and eat from 11:00-11:30. The schedule for 3rd-6th is to play from 10:45-11:30 and eat from 11:30-12:00.
 - **There will be no cafeteria service for that day. Students should plan to pack and bring a sack lunch to enjoy during our picnic on the lawn.** If necessary, sack lunches can be provided for families upon request. If your student requires a sack lunch provided by the school please contact the Mills Lawn Office as soon as possible.
 - The 6th Grade Clap Out is at 12:30pm sharp! Come help send our 6th graders off in style and with hardy encouragement.

