

April 27, 2018

Dear Upper School Students and Parents,

We have had another busy week as we prepare for the open house and our final project presentation. Students are working hard and I am really proud of them all. The final draft is due next Wednesday. Boards and electronic presentations will be due the following Monday. Next Friday will be planting day as we take some time to work around the grounds and add some plants to our raised bed. Hopefully many will be producing vegetables by the time school starts in August.

I have attached next week's vocabulary words. I think that we need to stress (even more) the need to pick words they will actually be using in their writing. We are still working on mastering our cursive technique, and the improvements I have seen are gratifying. We are still working on soil in science and we will be tying that in with next week's planting. That day the American culture class from SIU will be visiting our school to learn more about American education.

Next Thursday is the next school board meeting at 6:00 in the upstairs conference/art room. Thanks so much to Timothy Robinson for serving on the board. Remember that students must attend the open house to present their research to the public. School will be dismissed at noon that day with no childcare. Open house is from 5:00 to 7:00 and students should be here by 4:55

We have an all-school field trip to Ultimate Gymnastics on May 14. It will be fun to have all the grade levels there together. Please let me know if you will be able to drive and how many seats you have available.

We have service hour opportunities available for cleaning in the classroom prior to Open House. We also have a work day scheduled for May 5 that can earn you service hours. We also need people to help with the plant sale on May 12.

Thank you to everyone who helped with Locally Grown and came out and supported our school. It is much appreciated.

I hope you can all get out and enjoy the nice weather this weekend.

Best wishes,

Carla

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### **Upcoming Events**

Wednesday, May 2: Wacky Wednesday

Final Copy of Research Paper is Due

Thursday, May 3: School Board Meeting at 6:00

Friday, May 4: Spring Planting Day

Saturday, May 5: Work Day

Thursday, May 10: Noon Dismissal with No Childcare

Thursday, May 10: Open House from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 11: No School and No Childcare

Saturday, May 12: Plant Sale at Auto Zone parking lot

Monday, May 14: Ultimate Gymnastics Field Trip

Friday, May 18: No School and No Childcare

Thursday, May 24: Graduation at 3:00 at school

Five percent discount on next year's tuition deadline

Friday, May 25: Field Day and 10:30 Dismissal with No Childcare

## Vocabulary Words for the Week of April 30, 2018

1. **esquamulose:** not covered in scales or scale-like objects; having smooth skin (adjective) (Avree)
2. **chiaroscurist:** A painter who uses light and shade rather than color to create the illusion of volume. (noun) (Avree)
3. **aggressive:** characterized by or tending toward unprovoked offensives, attacks, invasions, or the like; militantly forward or menacing (adjective) (Bo)
4. **scorpion:** any of numerous arachnids of the order Scorpionida, widely distributed in warmer parts of the world, having a long, narrow, segmented tail that terminates in a venomous sting. (noun) (Bo)
5. **colonoscopy:** visual inspection of the interior of the colon with a flexible, lighted tube inserted through the rectum (noun) (Ellie)
6. **malignant:** disposed to cause harm, suffering, or distress deliberately; feeling or showing ill will or hatred (adjective) (Ellie)
7. **pansexual:** not limited in sexual choice with regard to biological sex, gender, or gender identity (noun) (Gabrielle)
8. **rheumatoid arthritis:** a chronic progressive disease causing inflammation in the joints and resulting in painful deformity and immobility, especially in the fingers, wrists, feet, and ankles (noun) (Gabrielle)
9. **multiplication:** the process or skill of multiplying (noun) (Gavyn)

10. **publishing:** the activities or business of issuing printed or otherwise reproduced textual or graphic material, computer software, etc. for sale or distribution to the public (noun) (Gavyn)

11. **monarchy:** form of government with a monarch at the head (noun) (Keira)

12. **colleague:** a person with whom one works (noun) (Keira)

13. **skyscraper:** a very tall building of many stories set of circumstances that makes it possible to do something (noun) (Kloey)

14. **mosquito:** a slender long-legged flying insect with aquatic larvae (noun) (Kloey)

15. **magniloquent:** speaking in or characterized by a high-flown often bombastic style or manner (adjective) (Layni)

16. **hysterical:** displaying a fit of uncontrollable laughing or crying (adjective) (Layni).

17. **parking lot:** an area, usually divided into individual spaces, intended for parking motor vehicles (noun) (Nolan)

18. **awkward:** lacking skill or dexterity (adjective) (Nolan)

19. **acquiescence:** the reluctant acceptance of something without protest (noun) (Timothy)

20. **vernacular:** the language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region (noun) (Timothy)