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Dear Clark-Wilkins School Parents and Guardians,

We hope that this message finds you and your family healthy and well. We miss seeing all of you at Clark Wilkins School and can't wait until we are able to be back in person together. We are writing with a few important updates related to the remaining weeks of remote instruction and next year.

INSTRUCTIONAL FLEX DAYS

For the month of May our flex days will be as follows:

- Friday May 8th
- Monday May 11th
- Wednesday May 20th
- Monday May 25th (Memorial Day)

Our last day for remote instruction will be on Friday May 29th.

TEACHER PARADE

In collaboration with the Amherst Police Department the Clark-Wilkins staff will be at Souhegan High School on Friday May 1st from 3:00 to 4:00 (rain date Tuesday May 5th to be announced by Friday at 12:00 PM via Nixle messaging and social media) for all of our students and families to participate in a "reverse parade." Staff will be spaced out along the property, using social distancing guidelines, and the police department will be assisting with traffic. Staff will be wearing masks out of safety, but will still be smiling wide and holding signs to greet you. You will not be able to park and exit your vehicles during this "parade". We encourage you to drive by, cheer, make signs, and visit all of us! Please click [HERE](#) for a parade map.

PLACEMENT FOR NEXT YEAR

We are working on our student placement plans for next year as a school community. It is our plan to keep groups of students together by class next year and move them to the next grade level and new teachers as a cohesive group. We recognize that there will be some situations that may require students to move from their current group and will work with those families to make those changes. Our teachers, special educators, administrators, and our school counselors do an excellent job of placing your children in nurturing and caring environments. We value your feedback and input as we work on this challenging task. We will take parent concerns into consideration, but please keep in mind that making requests with your child's current teacher or completing our placement form does not guarantee a placement or move. Additionally, a request for a specific teacher will not be honored because of its impact on the overall process. In order to best facilitate collecting feedback from all of our families, we have developed a survey that can be completed and responses will be sent directly to members of the Clark-Wilkins administrative team. This is NOT a requirement for families and has been developed to take the place of our past practice of letters. Please click [HERE](#) to access the parent feedback form for placement. We will accept responses on this form until May 15th.

In closing, thank you for continued partnership as we navigate this remote learning environment together. We would not be able to do it without your support and commitment.

Kind Regards,

The Clark-Wilkins Leadership Team

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