

Parent Newsletter, June 16, 2020

Dear Terminal Park Families.

Each year at this time, I pause and reflect on the year past. What a year it has been.

I am grateful to all the parents who took over as best they could, the job of teaching their children. It has been amazing to see the juggling that has gone on as families have figured out how to live in this new "normal."

Student Personal Items Pick-up

Friday, June 19 8:30 AM - 12:00

Drive up to the gym door and you will be greeted by a staff member.

All unclaimed items will be saved until next school year.

I am impressed by how hard our teachers worked to become experts in online learning. Flipgrid, SeaSaw, Google Classroom and more. Simply amazing.

I am also thankful to all our support staff who worked tireless to contact every student and every family during our time away from school. Their dedication to our students is remarkable.

I am saddened that members of our community have had to suffer because of the deep rooted racism and injustice that persists in our nation. The deaths of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Christian Cooper and George Floyd each have compounded some of the trauma that our students, families, and staff of color experience on a regular basis.

As principal at Terminal Park, I feel a deep responsibility to every student and family we serve, but also know that as long as one segment of our community is hurting, we must act. We cannot allow the fight against racism and injustice to fall on the shoulders of our community members of color, but require that as principal, I step forward and help lead it with them.

All the same, I am hopeful for our future. We have amazing students, families and staff and in conversation, many have stated that they are ready for the work ahead. I certainly cannot claim to have adequate answers to all the questions that we now face. I promise though, that I will listen and learn, approach discussions with humility, and know that it is what we do that matters more than what we say. I also ask that you join us in this

journey. In the fall, we have lots of work to do both because of lost academic time, but also because we need to make certain we give every student our best effort and opportunity to learn.

Stay safe, stay healthy,

Mike Weibel Principal



Follow this map on Friday for our celebration!

