



Believe to Achieve...

Bulletin for the Week of May 28, 2018

Monday, May 28

Memorial Day – No School

Tuesday, May 29

Wednesday, May 30

Thursday, May 31

Yearbook & Ice Cream Party After School

Friday, June 1

Fun Friday: Della vs Emerson

Parents can begin picking up 8th Grade Promotion Tickets in Office

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Come join in the fun with students at the Yearbook Party on Thursday. Be ready to sign some yearbooks and join in the memories!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ~ Thursday, May 31st: Yearbook Party
- ~ Picnic in the Park all next week
- ~ Monday, June 4th: Awards Assembly in morning
- ~ Thursday, June 7th: Eighth Grade Promotion Ceremony/Last Day of School

Professional Development: Interpersonal Relationships May “Bee” Hard – H.B.

Well, it finally happened. It was awful, but I totally deserved it. I pushed the boundaries way beyond stretching, and I had to pay the price. Yep. I got stung for the first time by one of our bees... I spent all weekend trying to get some things done in the yard, and I weed-eated the entire area around the bee hives on Saturday without a bee suit, and they were completely forgiving. I didn't have even one "bouncing Betty" warning me to stay away, which is saying something because I was literally underneath and around all four hives for probably at least an hour and a half since there are several small plants growing right there that I had to be extra careful of, and of course, I also had to repair a sprinkler head that I nicked with the weed-eater and shattered. Nothing...just peaceful, busy, you-take-care-of-your-work-and-we'll-take-care-of-ours buzzing.

So, Sunday, we inspected the hives, located all of the queens, and decided that it was time to harvest our second comb of honey. [You can already see this coming, can't you?]. Of course, we were completely suited up for this, and while the bees chased me almost to the house, I was able to get the honey comb safely secured in the house without incident. But did I assess where I was in my interpersonal relationship with the bees come Monday? Oh no! I just acted like nothing had even happened, and that I had not effectively committed armed robbery from their hive. Instead, it seemed perfectly reasonable to me that I could just go back out in shorts and a t-shirt and rake up the grass from around their hives. And then, when a "bouncing Betty" guard bee bounced off of me about four times, I thought maybe I should head away from the hives and give them some space. To her credit, that was not nearly enough to atone for my theft and she bounced me all the way to my back door, flew into the house, circled around and landed on my wrist where she stung me not a foot from my being inside the house safe and sound. It doesn't seem fair that she wasted her life on an idiot human like me! The crazy thing is, in a week or so, the bees will be back to their old, easy-going selves, but hopefully, I will be a bit wiser. We'll go back to peace through mutual respect and grace for one another. Our Hawk Family is like that, too, you know?

This week is kind of like the calm before the storm in that we only have the Yearbook Party on Thursday. Next week, though, we will have our Awards Assembly on Monday morning, have a 7th grade fun afternoon on Wednesday, and be in preparation for the Promotion Ceremony on Thursday. We will not have an Eighth Grade Trip due to a lack of response from students. Please look for an e-mail later this week with exact schedules, etc. for everything for next week. Special schedules have been put together so that you will see each class equally every day. Everyone is on after-school duty every day this week and next week, please. Also, continue to teach bell-to-bell and use your Steps. Be consistent and stay patiently firm...we are almost to the finish line!

Make it a GREAT week!

Afternoon duty: **Bus:** Rooms 101-110 **Front:** Rooms 201-210 **West Plaza:** All Other Teachers