

## JUNE 2018

Greetings to everyone in the MBS community! As hard as it is to believe, we are rapidly approaching the end of the current school year. Thanks to Mother Nature, the start of summer vacation has been postponed, so don't forget that school will be open on Monday and Tuesday, June 25 and 26 for all staff and students. On both days, we will have a 12:30 dismissal, so there will be no lunch period on those days. Additionally, the annual Awards Assembly will remain in its traditional place on the last day of school, so that event will take place at 9 a.m. in the gym on Tuesday, June 26. Parents and family members are welcome to attend!

This is the time of the year when I reflect on the year that is about to end with mixed emotions. On the one hand, I am proud of all that has been accomplished by our staff and students since September. The level of dedication shown by the MBS teachers is truly inspiring and I am humbled to be the educational leader of such a wonderful group of professionals. Of course, I would be remiss if I didn't recognize the hard work being done by the children that come through our doors each day. Not only do the students strive to meet the academic challenges placed before them throughout the year, they also develop and employ social skills that help them become members of a class and their community at large.

As I stated earlier, I typically have mixed emotions at this time of year. Trust me, I get just as excited about summer as anyone! The reason for my uneasiness every June is due to my concern about the work that still needs to be done. After three decades spent as a professional educator, I have come to the conclusion that the "business of learning" really does not come to an end, despite the start of summer vacation. Regardless of the best efforts of our staff, it is virtually impossible to finish every problem on every page of the math book and answer every question on every page in the science and social studies books. However, those of us in education know that it is not necessary to finish every problem. Furthermore, it's also not such a bad thing to leave students wondering about the answers to certain questions. As someone once said, if the only questions that teachers ask are those that can be answered by Google, then no true learning will occur. So, as we race to the finish line of the 2017-2018 school year, let's all remember that learning should never stop, even in the summer.

To all the staff here at MBS, I thank you for all of the caring, love and determination you demonstrate each day. To the students, I congratulate you on all of your accomplishments from the year about to end. To the parents and families that send us your children each day, I truly appreciate the trust and support you give to all of us at MBS during the year. The strength of the partnerships forged between home and school are largely responsible for the level of student success we enjoy.

I wish everyone a summer filled with love, laughter and lots of perfect beach weather!

Respectfully,

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