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Dear Families of Grade Five Students at St. Stephen Elementary School,

We sincerely hope that this letter finds you and your family doing well. This has been such an unusual time in our world dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. We have seen so many changes in the Education world and have certainly missed seeing your children each day.

Now, as we wind down the school year, we have created a plan to celebrate the years your child has spent at St. Stephen Elementary School and their Grade 5 School Year, while still respecting all the safety protocols as laid out by the Provincial Health Authority.

We will be presenting a virtual Grade Five Judy McLay Closing Ceremony. Teachers have determined the prize winners of the various awards that are traditionally awarded on this occasion. We will be creating a videotape of the speeches and announcements, while celebrating each one of our Grade 5 students. This videotape will be uploaded to Youtube and families will be provided the link for accessing the video. The details will follow shortly.

Next, on Thursday, June 11, 2020, families will have the opportunity to select a 10 minute time-frame to come to the school and attend their Class Station, set up outdoors, for students to receive their awards and certificates, have a special treat and an opportunity to have pictures taken with their family (up to 6 guests) and teachers. We must do this in staggered time slots so that we respect the safety guidelines for COVID-19. More information will follow for selecting your time slot. In the case of inclement weather, this event will be moved to June 12.

Please stay tuned for a follow-up letter outlining the link to sign up for a timeframe, the guidelines that must be followed, and the location of your child's Class Station for this event.

We are excited to see our Grade Five students again and be able to bid them farewell from SSES... in social distancing fashion, of course 😊 We know that new adventures await them as they move to Middle School years, and we want to wish them the best, and make this as memorable as we can, given the times we are in.

On behalf of the teachers of Grade Five students, we thank you for your support over the years. We look forward to seeing you on June 11.

Yours truly,

Colleen Winchester, Principal

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