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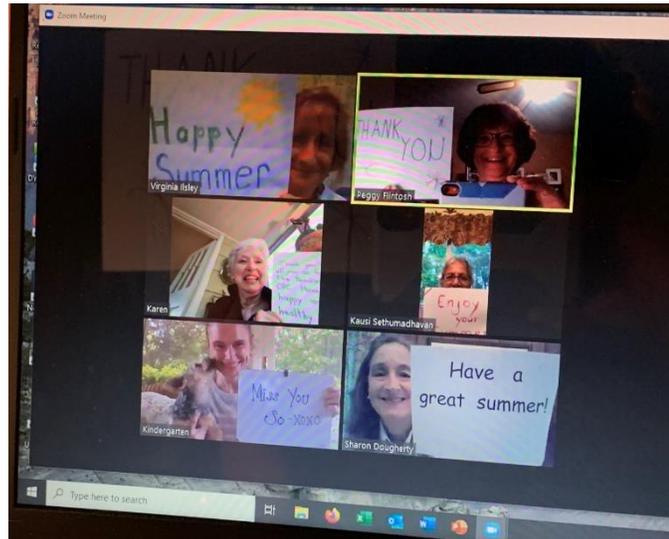
Peggy Flintosh, Director

CPC WNS&K End of School Year Date Reminders:

June 5 th	Last day for 2's F class
June 8 th	Last day for 2's MF class
June 9 th	Last day for 2-1/2's
June 11 th	Last day for 3's, 4's, Almost 5's and Kindergarten

Director's Corner:





**From all our homes to all of yours we wish you a Happy, Healthy, Safe, Fun Summer!
Thank you and Be Well!**

School News:

The 2019-2020 school year is coming to an end. Our *normal* last day would have been this coming Thursday, June 4th; with every class having a day this week where you would be invited in to celebrate. The 4's and Almost 5's classes would have a big musical production of a selection of the favorite songs from this past year performed for all their families in the Sanctuary. The Kindergarten would be performing a play with each child well-rehearsed with lines, songs, dancing, and the big finale' with all their families in attendance. But this has **not been a normal year**. So, we will continue through next Thursday, June 11th as a token extension of the school year. The 4's and Almost 5's with thanks to Mrs. N. Dougherty will have a video of their singing, and the Kindergarten will also have their story (play) as a book this year. We were forced into this virtual world that seemed daunting and impossible and I am overwhelmed with pride and appreciation for all our teachers who jumped into this new world and continued their caring and dedication to stay connected with their children and families of their class. Right up to the end they are looking for ways to still celebrate and in this strange way be with you. I am filled with appreciation for all of you, our families who have supported our efforts and encouraged your children through this unprecedented excursion.

What lies ahead will also be daunting and may seem impossible. Until there is a vaccine, it appears what we once knew as *normal* for the school will be in flux. The need for change to provide a safe environment during this pandemic is not something to debate, nor do we take this responsibility lightly. Friday, NJ Governor Murphy made the announcement that Child Care Centers could re-open. It now gives us 2- ½ months to adapt once again and be prepared to follow the protocol that the NJ Licensing, Department of Children and Families has dictated for all early childhood facilities. We will spend the month of June finalizing what exactly that will mean for CPC's Weekday Nursery School and Kindergarten for us to open our doors in September. It is certainly an unsettling world right now. To take the least amount of risk would be to not open at all, to take the highest amount of risk would be to open with no changes. We will be focusing our energies on the moderate risk model, where we do open but with the safety mandates in place. I respect that each of you are at various levels of comfort with sending your children back to a school environment. If you know now that you have decided to accept only the lowest risk possible and want to keep your child home next year, please let us know. We know we may be forced to have smaller group sizes next year so this information as we proceed with planning is most helpful.

We will communicate with you as we make to safely open our doors this September.

The 2019-2020 year had a wonderful PTO Board that was so supportive and helpful from our time in the building and these months at home. We wish to acknowledge and thank; Lindsay Bell, Jessica Mills, Katie Mortko, Lindsay Karcich, Leslie Flax, Liz Meakim, Courtney Stafford and Corinne White.

Also, I wish to thank the Advisory Board who volunteered to work with me for many of the behind the scenes decisions; Suzanna Filip, Claire DeLong, Elizabeth Somerlot, Arianne Pfaff and Pastor Deborah.

THANK YOU AND HAVE A HAPPY, HEALTHY SUMMER!!