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Hello Wolfpack Families,

As I write this update to all of you, I'm reminded of how unique these times are. So much news changing by the day, as you can imagine much of the information presented here might continue to change in the coming weeks and months. Please stay tuned.

We miss having your students here each day with us! Distant learning is just not the same as having students in a traditional setting, working face to face with their teachers and fellow classmates. On a positive note, we have learned much to refine this type of delivery should we be forced to repeat in the future months ahead.

#### **Updates for end of the year:**

##### ***Graduation:***

A huge wolf pack howl for Aleah Mazurek our outstanding graduate for 2020! Aleah has completed her requirements for graduation early and has been attending CMU as a full-time student this year. Aleah is also a Superintendent Scholar holding a 4.0 or higher GPA all four years. As a result of her excellence, Aleah is currently being considered for the Ascent Scholar award which is bestowed to D51 students who maintain a high academic status the entire year while attending CMU their senior year.

Aleah is excited to be moving on and to continue her college preparation in addition to rodeo and operating her own art business. This girl is on fire! That's a song right??

Aleah, on behalf of the entire Gateway school community and our pack I say thank you for your outstanding contribution as a student, leader and role model, while here at Gateway school. You will be missed. We wish you the very best in all of your future endeavors! Congratulations!

##### **(Graduation Ceremony)**

**\*\*Unfortunately, due to the virus circumstances and Mesa County Graduation ordinances, *graduation will not be open to the community and most school staff; the ordinance stipulates the maximum allowed to attend graduation is 10 total people.*** Please extend your regards and congratulations when you see Aleah, as I know she would have wanted everyone to be a part of her celebration.

We are going to try and video the ceremony for our school website. It will be a nice way for all of us to enjoy and remember Aleah's celebration during this unique time in history. Thank you for understanding and your support of Aleah during her time at Gateway school. I believe she has completed all 12 years at our school or 13 if you count pre-school!

**Awards:**

In the spirit of tradition at Gateway school, all our students are to be congratulated for their academic and SEL growth this year. We want to recognize those who have reached above and beyond in their performance. Teachers will recognize students in an upcoming section on our website.

Awards received will be given out to those recipients when students return on their scheduled check out time **Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**. We hope you will review our wonderful student achievement information.

**Student Check Out:**

On Monday May 18<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Abby has scheduled a time with families to come to the school and return all technology (make sure you include all chrome book accessories cables as well), and books or other school resources, along with student personal items (PE clothes, school supplies, art work). Please keep to your time scheduled to accommodate all our families. Importantly, please remember the D51 social distancing norms while on campus. Appreciate your help.

**Final grades / Report cards:**

All grades will be processed as usual on the last work day for teachers (May 22<sup>nd</sup>). They will be sent out by the second week in June. Please continue to work with your students to complete all their work, even if after the 14<sup>th</sup>. I have asked teachers to accept work up to the last week. This work is important to complete remaining assignments and for some students to help their final grade. Thanks!

**OWL:**

OWL was a successful start but cut short due to the virus. The good news is we are currently exploring ways to begin where we left off this spring, allowing those remaining sixth graders to experience OWL in the fall of 2020 as 7<sup>th</sup> graders. We received lots of feedback from parents who expressed they would like that opportunity. Stay tuned. Our creekside facility is really taking shape and construction will continue over summer both for OWL and Gateway school! That's exciting!

**Next year:**

We will continue to follow-up with any changes to fall operation as information is made available. As it stands now, we are on for normal start and operation. However, depending on the virus and governmental mandates things could change. I will keep you all posted.

**Thank You:**

This was truly a unique year for all of us. The Gateway school teachers and staff appreciate our families continued support and flexibility during these difficult times. As I've said many times, we are partners in this education process to make all our student the best they can be; allowing them to grow up with positive, social and emotional skills to navigate this complex and sometimes difficult world. A huge thank you to our dedicated teachers and staff for their tireless effort to make each student better. Thank you, our wonderful community, for your enduring support to our students all year long. Finally, thanks to you parents and guardians for your partnership during this journey. You are the big difference to our students in all they set out to do.

We all look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Mr. Allen