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Dear Tamarac Community:

What an amazing year! I cannot believe we have already reached the last month of school and our June calendar is packed. There are a tremendous amount of fun, educational activities planned for the final month of school for all of our children.

The deadline for placement letters for the upcoming school year has passed. We have begun to work on grouping students heterogeneously for the upcoming school year. I am respectfully requesting that you do not send in any placement letters going forward. I greatly appreciate all of the letters that I have received, there have been many. I will do my best to honor your requests, but please understand it is impossible to honor all of them.

Field Day is scheduled for Monday, June 19th. Parents are welcome to view our Field Day from behind the roped off area. Should we have inclement weather, Field Day will be indoors and, unfortunately, parents will not be able to view the activities. Should we need to have an indoor event, I will send out a Connect-ed message to our school community and a text message. ***Please remember that this will be a half-day for all students and everyone will be dismissed at 12:15 PM.***

Our 5th Grade Moving-Up Ceremony is scheduled for Monday, June 19th at Sachem East. Students need to be at East by 5:00 PM. The ceremony will begin promptly at 5:30 PM.

Our last day of school is Thursday, June 22nd. This will be a half-day for all students and they will be dismissed at 12:15 PM.

I would like to thank our PTA for all of the wonderful activities they have facilitated for our students this year. Our students were treated to a myriad of great programs and field trips. I would also like to thank Lisa Haggerty for serving as our PTA President; she has done a fantastic job. We are looking forward to the great activities that are already in the works for the 2017-2018 school year.

Thanks also go to our Father's Club. They have created numerous fun activities for the Tamarac Community and our students. Through their various activities, they have purchased our electronic sign that was put up in December and the landscaping around it. Be on the lookout in September for the 40 new I-pads, charging cart and mac book that the Father's Club is purchasing for our students to use.

Please know that these two organizations are only able to do these wonderful things for our children because of our community support. On behalf of both organizations, please accept our thanks and appreciation for supporting their activities and fundraisers.

I would like to congratulate all of our fifth grade students for the completion of their elementary educational career. They have done a wonderful job. We are proud of them and wish them the best of luck as they embark on their journey at Seneca Middle School. They will be greatly missed.

Please make sure our students are active readers this summer. The best way to help keep our students' skills sharp is having them read every day for 20 minutes. The Sachem Library program is another worthwhile program to look into for your child.

On behalf of the faculty and staff, I would like to wish our Tamarac students and their families a safe, healthy and happy summer. We look forward to seeing you all throughout the halls of Tamarac in June and welcoming you back in September.

Have a fantastic summer,

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