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Dear Parents/Guardians,

RE: Updated Communication & Important District News!

- A. The Florham Park School Bus Tour 2020!**
- B. Returning School Items Google Form - Due June 24th**
- C. Parent/Guardian Survey - Distance Learning Experience**
- D. Loaner Chromebooks & Gr. 6-7 Student Chromebooks (Reminder)**
- E. Graduation Update - Plan A / Plan B**
- F. Dr. Caponegro's EOY Thank You!**

A. The Florham Park Schools Bus Tour 2020! - Mon. June 22nd!

To celebrate the last day of school, on Monday, June 22nd, starting at 12:00pm, a Briarwood, Brooklake, and Ridgedale decorated school bus along with some staff members will be traveling the streets of Florham Park to spread end of year cheer. Similar to the "Santa Fire Truck" activity conducted by towns, the district will be placing on our website and emailing you on Monday morning a GPS tracking location of the bus, so you can cheer with us at the end of your drive-way and/or street, while adhering to social distancing requirements. Please note, if you live on a road with a cul-de-sac/dead end, unfortunately, the district buses will not be able to travel the entire street route, since the buses will be unable to turn around, but will travel up until the nearest intersection. For residents at Sun Valley, the buses will travel the main loop on Sun Valley Way. For residents at Riverbend, the buses will travel down Schindler Drive and Stirling Road.

Please join us in celebrating!!!



B. Returning School Items/Materials (library books, athletic jerseys, etc.) Google Form - Due June 24th

Please complete this [Returning School Items - Google Form](#) by June 24th to indicate if you have any items that need to be returned to the district/schools. As indicated in the form, you are provided with two options for returning these materials. Option #1- The district will pick up these items at your doorstep on June 26th. Option #2 - You can drop off these items using curbside delivery to Ridgedale School on June 29th. Further details are provided in the form. Remember - DO NOT place Chromebooks in the return box.

C. Parent/Guardian Survey - Distance Learning Experience

The goal of this [Parent/Guardian Distance Learning Survey](#) is to gather information about the distance learning platform experience and procedures that we have been implementing in FP. We want to learn from this experience in the event that distance learning continues and/or ever occurs in the future, as well as gain valuable information moving forward in our educational platform. Please fill out one survey for each child. We appreciate your time and feedback. Gr.3-5 student surveys are also being provided by the administration shortly.

D. **Loaner Chromebooks & Gr. 6-7 Student Chromebooks (Reminder)**

Current Gr.6 and Gr.7 students, please hold on to your chromebooks. For families that have borrowed a loaner chromebook for distance learning purposes, the district is going to ask that you hold onto your device over the summer for two purposes:

1. We would like to provide you with this device so you could take advantage of online learning sites/applications that are available over the summer to all students, such as IXL, Khan Academy, and other school specific apps found on Clever and on the internet.
2. Should distance learning continue to be required in September, you already have your device.

E. **Graduation Update (Plan A / Plan B)**

The district is currently awaiting the anticipated [announcement by the Governor](#) on June 22nd that outdoor gathering restrictions have been increased to 250, and then the next anticipated announcement following on July 3rd indicating that outdoor gathering restrictions have been further increased to 500. The district has coordinated a *Plan A* and a *Plan B* for graduation on July 8th that adheres to both State requirements (rain dates being July 9th and July 10th)

- ***Plan A (250 gathering restriction)***

Should the State increase gatherings to 250 on June 22nd, but does NOT increase gatherings to 500 by our July 8th's graduation ceremony, the district will conduct TWO graduations. The graduating class will be split in half in alphabetical order and one ceremony will take place at approximately 6:00pm and the other ceremony will take place at approximately 7:30pm. These times are subject to change based on further planning. Families will not be able to choose a time. Two family members will be permitted to attend along with the graduating 8th grader (student + 2 family members). Should you have multiple children in a grade, you will still only be permitted to have 2 family members attending.

- ***Plan B (500 gathering restriction)***

Should the State further increase gatherings to 500 on July 3rd, prior to our July 8th graduation, we will conduct ONE ceremony with all of the students. This would be the most ideal situation! Two family members will be permitted to attend along with the graduating 8th grader (student + 2 family members). Should you have multiple children in a grade, you will still only be permitted to have 2 family members attending.

Unfortunately, to meet these anticipated State restrictions, we are limited to how many family members could attend since the district will also have specific staff, FPPD, EMT, and other healthcare workers present that count towards our restricted gathering numbers. Please also remember that a digital graduation video is still being created by RMS and will be provided to the families following our anticipated in-person graduation. Further information will follow regarding procedures/instructions for attending graduation while adhering to social distancing requirements. I do appreciate your understanding of the situation since much time and thought have been placed into coordinating a meaningful, in-person graduation that the students rightly deserve. Please remember that these guidelines and requirements are created by the State for all school districts in New Jersey, and these restrictions and/or mandates are not at the discretion of individual school districts/towns.

F. **Thank you!**

Thank you to the staff, parents, students, administrative team, PTA, Education Foundation, FPPD/OEM, FP Community Members and the Board of Education for all of your hard work, dedication and flexibility during this time. I do hope that everyone enjoys their summer and has time to relax with friends and family. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for an incredible first year as your Superintendent. It was definitely a year I will never forget!

Sincerely,

Steven Caponegro

Dr. Steven Caponegro
Superintendent of Schools

"Memories are not created from things you said you would do... They are built from things you have done." -Unknown