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Dear 8th Grade Parents,

We are very sad that we will not be able to attend our anxiously awaited field trip to Catalina Island this May and possibly not have our promotional ceremony. However, we are looking forward with positivity and are making plans to honor our students. We hope to have a promotion ceremony but, in the event, that quarantine has not been lifted, we would like to create a class video as a way to celebrate their achievements!

Promotion

Speeches

In preparation of our promotion video and hopefully a promotion ceremony, we will be asking our Valedictorian and Salutatorian to write a speech for the ceremony. Students that have been with Franklin School since Kindergarten will have the option of also writing a speech discussing their time at our school. The speeches can either be recorded at home and emailed to Mrs. Leon or a time can be scheduled with Mrs. Leon for you to read your speech at school. We will be creating a "promotion" DVD with all of the speeches. We will also be creating a program that will be a souvenir for everyone. You can reach Mrs. Leon at StephanieLeon@fppspv.net.

Pictures

One aspect we have every year is formal promotion pictures. These can be taken in one of two ways: take a picture at home and email it to Mrs. Leon, or; schedule a time to meet Mrs. Leon at the school and she will take a picture. Please remember all pictures must follow the school dress code. We will be creating one DVD presentation (that we would normally present at the promotion ceremony) that will include the 8th grade baby pictures, formal pictures, some pictures from years past, and pictures from the Capital trip.

Awards

Students who have earned the presidential academic awards will still be receiving their pin and certificate. We will include a video of Ms. Fitch reading the President's congratulatory letter and stating each recipient's name.

Staff speech

This year, we are asking any teachers who want to, to record a speech to include on our promotion DVD. Our teachers are saddened by not getting the chance to say goodbye to their students, but especially the 8th graders, so this will provide them with the opportunity to express their thoughts.

End of the year trip

Since we will be unable to attend our trip to Catalina Island, we will be refunding all personal payments and donations that have been made to your students' account. Ms. Fitch will be sending an email to those parents who made personal payments to discuss the refund. We are hoping that we will be able to get together and have some kind of trip possibly during the summer. Unfortunately, until we know when the state will open, we cannot make any plans, but we will keep you informed.

Thank you for your continued support! We miss you all!

Sincerely,
Franklin Jr. High staff and Administration