

FRIDAY



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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

From the Principal's Desk

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I want to thank all of you for getting back into the swing of school this week. I know that this is hard and want you to know that we appreciate everything you are doing to make sure that your children are coming back to their virtual classroom and doing the work that their teachers are assigning. Much as the weather has not been especially great in terms of temperature, it certainly helps in keeping the children from the distraction of a beautiful spring day, trying to lure them away from their work. Based on the budding leaves I see outside my window we will be encountering spring weather soon enough.

The fact that today is the first of May reminds me of what my classmates and I would do on this day when we were in elementary school. We were taught how to make May baskets by weaving strips of colorful construction paper together, complete with a handle. We'd then pick flowers growing wild - admittedly some were dandelions or in gardens with permission. Violets were always available as were apple, cherry and magnolia blossoms. We'd put the flowers in the May baskets. Sometimes we'd wrap the stems in wet paper towels and tin foil, but not always. We would carefully tip toe up to the front doors of our neighbors, especially those elderly neighbors, and put the baskets on the front doorstep, ring the doorbell and run away (giggling was usually involved). If it was possible to hide nearby, we would try to peek around a tree or corner to see the recipient's reaction. We all took such pleasure in this simple activity.

I know that flowers are pretty abundant in Connecticut on the first of May, definitely more abundant than here, but who says this must be done on May 1? It would be a nice thing for students to get involved in seeing who they could cheer up with a little surprise on their doorstep. It can be done in socially distant ways and is thoughtful and kind. I think the most fun is in the planning and thinking about the smiles that will be. We can all use a little bit of cheer - regardless of whether it is coming through an act of kindness or one is the recipient of kindness.

Be well all. I miss all of you very much!



Some classes are using Online learning and do not require paper packets. If the learning is not online for your child's class, your child's teacher will let you know that a packet has been prepared for your child and is available for pick up. Packets may be picked up in the "old main entrance" near the horseshoe from 9:00 - 5:00 **Monday through Thursday.**

CONTINUITY OF LEARNING RESOURCES

Next week's remote learning information can be found on this [EES Learning from Home document](#). This can also be located on the EES website!

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

As you know by now, each morning during announcements, we state the names of our students celebrating their birthdays; here are the birthday announcements for this week and next.

Happy Birthday to:

Tilian in Ms. D'Agostino's 1st Grade Class

Oliver in Ms. McMorris' 2^d Grade Class

Tilda in Ms. Goldsmith's 3rd Grade Class

Rosalie in Mr. Styles 5th Grade Class

Happy May Day!

