



May 24, 2017

Dear Grade 5 Parents,

We look forward to celebrating the accomplishments and contributions of your children on Tuesday, June 6, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. in the CSG. By now you should have received your formal invitation. Additional invitations are enclosed with this letter.

- To distinguish our “graduates,” we ask that the *girls wear white outfits*. A simple white outfit will do – something summery and cool! *Boys are asked to wear white dress shirts, khaki pants and a blue blazer*.
- Head of School Todd Bland will provide special gifts to our “graduates” to add to their attire: blue/orange bow-ties for the boys, and orange pashmina scarfs for the girls.
- Following the ceremony, Grade 5 students and their parents are invited to a reception in Thacher.

This ceremony, which was established last year, created a new and welcome tradition in our Lower School. Unfortunately, campus-wide scheduling constraints have dictated the date of our ceremony -- and it conflicts with Middle School Class Day. Please accept our apologies and our offer to do what we can to make it possible for families to celebrate together, while allowing Middle School students to enjoy their class celebrations. The following is the cooperative plan we have made.

- **[Eighth-grade siblings](#)** who want to attend the Grade 5 Recognition Ceremony will miss a portion of their Closing Ceremony rehearsal. When they arrive at School in the morning, they will check in with their advisors then report to the CSG to await the Lower School ceremony. As their siblings are recognized, eighth graders may leave the CSG and head to King Theatre to join their class for the remainder of rehearsal and the subsequent trip to Six Flags.
- **[Sixth- and seventh-grade siblings](#)** who want to attend the Grade 5 Recognition Ceremony will check in with their advisors then report to the CSG to await the Lower School ceremony. At the close of the Grade 5 Recognition Ceremony, Middle School students who have chosen to remain with us will be driven by Milton Academy van to Canobie Lake, where they will meet up with their classmates.

Please discuss the options with your children and then complete the form in this link (<http://tiny.cc/vhxclj>) to let us know whether to expect your Middle Schooler. If you have questions, please reach out to [Marlena Alex](#).

The faculty and staff are so excited for this special day for our fifth graders. Join us in making this event a memorable milestone for them.

As always, reach out to me directly with any questions or concerns you may have.

Best,
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