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Dear Families,

Today we gave hugs and waved our goodbyes as we hearkened to the call of summer! This morning, we closed out the school year with our fifth grade Clap Out. We watched the class of 2019 take their final walk along the four main corridors flanked with students in grades K-4. We all clapped and cheered as they made their way along the hallways and out the Huntington doors. They have now earned the title of Greenacres alumni. We wish them all our very best as they head off to Middle School in the fall.

Congratulations to Deb Krisanda on her retirement after 30 years of service at Greenacres. The success of our recycling and composting efforts are attributable to Deb's dedication and support. Our gardens have produced abundant harvests because of Deb's attention and care. Her love for books was contagious and her respect for nature, she transferred to her students. We wish Deb the very best as she begins this new chapter in her life. We will miss her tremendously! Congratulations also to Ms. Lian, who will be one of our ELA Coordinators supporting teachers in all five elementary schools in the district. She will also be missed, but fortunately we will have opportunities to work with her in her new role. Any other staff changes will be announced in my next letter to families which will be sent in August.

Together, we did it again! We had an amazing year of learning - thanks to our teachers, our aides, parents and of course the children. Special thanks also to Christa Mruz, who served as our PTA president this year. Christa, together with the executive committee, kept our students at the center of their decision making. We wish Christa well as she becomes a middle school mom. Congratulations to our 2019-20 PTA President, Maddy Landauer and President Elect, Jen Fishcer. I look forward to working with them as we gear up for a year of construction.

Speaking of construction, almost immediately, you can expect to see evidence that the Greenacres construction project is about to begin. The most obvious will be fencing delineating the construction staging area located on the blacktop of the Huntington playground and fencing also on the school grounds. You may use this [link](#) to view a letter from Stuart Matthey, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Facilities, which was shared with Greenacres neighbors. The letter provides more specific information about what to expect during the summer. Please note, the Greenacres Summer Gardening program will be suspended this year due to construction. A few weeks ago we gathered students in the gymnasium and shared the construction plans. The excitement in the air was unmistakable. We plan on keeping them informed as the project progresses through

the year and will be making connections with the curriculum as we share lots of books, poems and projects related to construction.

As we have shared in past communication, the Huntington doors will be out of service during the 2019-20 school year. Arrival and dismissal will take place using the Sage Terrace and Putnam Road doors. You will receive detailed information in August regarding arrival and dismissal procedures. In the meantime, however, I do want to let you know we have discussed encouraging the Walking School Bus to inspire families to choose to walk to school as a way of eliminating congestion during arrival.

The first day of school will be Tuesday, September 3rd. For your convenience, here is a link to the [2019-20 Calendar](#). You will receive notification of class assignments on or around August 15th. If you travel, don't hesitate to have the kids send us postcards. Don't forget to share your posts of the blooms from your Bee the Change wildflower gardens.

In closing, I would like to wish you a relaxing and enjoyable summer with lots of fun memories with the children.

Sincerely,

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