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Dear Sixth Avenue Families,

It is hard to believe that we only have a little over four weeks left in the 2016-17 school year. All of our students and staff members have worked so hard this year. I would like to congratulate our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students for completing PARCC ELA (English Language Arts) and PARCC Math testing. This year our students did such a great job of putting forth effort to show everything they have learned over the school year. Our students had an amazing attitude as they focused and prepared to take these assessments. I want to thank you for supporting your child throughout this testing period with extra words of encouragement, plenty of rest, and a timely arrival to school.

The last quarter of the year always seems to be the busiest for many reasons. For one, there are many exciting opportunities for our students such as field trips, kindergarten field day, end of the year school picnic, and Continuation. Another is that last instructional push from our outstanding teachers to assure that your children receive the highest quality education. Last we begin preparing for the next school year. The staff and I already have begun to work on a staffing plan for the coming year. That includes the number of students in classes, the number of teachers at each grade level and the amount of support staff we are going to have in the building. Support staff encompasses everything from music and reading support to playground supervision.

Each year, our staff spends many hours and great care assigning students to their classes for the following school year. Teachers know each of our students well in terms of learning styles, relationships with peers, academic strengths and areas for growth, etc. Our goal is to create classes that facilitate students reaching their maximum growth and academic potential. Student placement is based upon many considerations. Some of the influential factors in this

process include the following: class balance; gender balance; academic strengths and needs; emotional/behavioral strengths and needs; leadership balance; friendship considerations; and other unique strengths and needs. As you make your summer plans, remember that school will end on May 25th for grades K -5th.

Our school year will begin on August 10th for grades 1-5 and August 14th for kindergarten and Preschool. During the summer we will mail home information about our check-in process for next year. When kids don't read over the summer, they can fall behind when they head back to school. Research shows that reading is the most critical skill a student can develop. Just because it is summer, students should not put their books away! The more our students read, the better readers they will be. During the summer, please encourage your child to read. Thank you for your continued support of our students and staff. I hope you all have a wonderful and safe summer.

Grace Choi, Principal

Aurora Scholars

Since 2009, the city of Aurora has honored one student from each grade in every school building in Aurora in a citywide ceremony with the city's mayor and city council, school superintendents and other designees. Students receive a certificate and gifts donated by the community. Students in grades 1 through 12 are selected by the principal and teachers at their school for being an overall first-rate student and an excellent member of the school community.

The program is designed to identify those students in Aurora who strongly contribute to the life and community of their respective school. They might be a stellar student, athlete, a terrific citizen, a high academic achiever or a dedicated volunteer. But most important, they go above and beyond in whatever they do best.



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Congratulations to this year's Aurora Scholars from Sixth Avenue Elementary:

1st Grade: Savanna Rogers

2nd Grade: Seleah Reeves-Miller

3rd Grade: Zelise Stewart

4th Grade: Aiden Petty

5th Grade Mia Segura Ruizesparza

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Apr 21** EPR Day, No School K-5,
Preschool will attend
- Apr 24-26** 5th Grade CMAS Science Testing
- Apr 25** Grade 2 Musical, 5:30-6:10
- Apr 26** Career Day, 9:00-3:00
- May 5** Talent Show, 2:00
- May 11** Kindergarten Field Day
- May 11** Grade 1 Musical, 5:30-6:10
- May 23** Last day of Preschool
- May 25** Family Picnic 11:30-1:30
- May 25** 5th Grade Continuation, 1:30-3:30
- May 25** Last day of school K-5

Classroom News:

Preschool:

It's hard to believe we are at the end of the school year. We'll finish up with a visit to the Zoo, and units on the Garden and Bugs! The students have learned how to spell and write their names, count, share, take turns and many other things. We even had some fun! There will be Parent/Teacher conferences for students transitioning to Kindergarten on Wednesday May 17th. (More information on Kindergarten transition coming out soon) Thank you to the children and their families for a great year of learning!

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Kindergarten:

Parents, As the end of the year comes quickly it is so important to make sure that your children are here

and on time every day! We still have many things to learn before 1st grade! We will have our Kindergarten continuation ceremony on the last day of school. Look for more details about this later.

Right now in Kindergarten reading we are learning to segment and blend words with 3 or 4 letters to read, as well as learning to read many sight words. We are working hard to use multiple strategies at one time while reading. An example would be beginning to sound out a word, checking the picture, and thinking about what they've read so far in the story to read what is next.

In writing we are continuing to learn how to spell sight words and stretch words to write a letter for each sound we hear. We are writing sentences that explain why. The kids are practicing writing neatly and remembering to put a capital at the beginning and a period at the end.

In math we are working on learning to add and subtract. We are also continuing to practice counting to higher numbers and writing numbers correctly.

1st Grade:

As we prepare for the end of the year, we have been very busy in first grade! We have begun working on opinion pieces in writing! Some sample writing prompts so far have been 'what would be the best job?', 'what is your favorite season?', and 'what is the best breakfast food?'. In math, we have been working with place value, comparing numbers, and adding/subtracting double digit numbers. Developing a continually growing number sense is a key component for success in our math lessons. In reading, we are focusing on characters traits and comparing and contrasting different characters/pieces of one (or more) text(s).

As the year comes to an end, please encourage your child to give their best effort in school to make the best of their education. Go first graders!



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2nd Grade:

First of all, the second grade team would love to thank every family that was able to make it to Bring Someone Special to School. It was great to see how involved you are and want to be in your child's education. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 25th for the 2nd grade musical. Please send your child to school at 5:15 to the library on this day.

Reading for this quarter focuses on analyzing how characters respond to change and determining a central message and moral of the stories. We are reading Fables, Fairytales and Folktales.

Our writing will give writers a chance to write a small moment about a memorable experience. Students are writing using time words and phrases, sequencing, and having characters show emotion with feeling and quotations.

Our 4th quarter math focus points will be comparing two lengths, using direct and indirect comparison to identify equal lengths, and identifying lengths and widths as different dimensions of an object.

In science we are exploring the theme of plants and animals and life cycles. Students will be planting our own plants and recording observations.

Just a few reminders, please remember that students bring homework home every Friday, and it needs to be returned the following Friday.

3rd Grade:

Dear third grade parents and guardians, First and foremost, thank you for all you did to prepare your child for the PARCC state assessment. They all preserved and tried their best.

During fourth quarter, we will be focusing on character analysis, figurative language, and inferences within reading. All intervention groups will continue to be pulled until the end of the year. In math, third graders will be learning about measurement, geometry, and continued learning in multiplication, division and word problems. In writing, students will develop personal narratives and poetry. The end of the year is approaching quickly. Please remind your child to...



Third Grade Teachers

4th Grade:

Hello 4th Grade Families! Happy Spring!

We are excited about the learning we will be doing in the last couple of months of school. In Reading and Writing we will be continuing our focus on narrative stories. We will be working on characters, setting, events, problem, solution, and theme. In Math we will be wrapping up our 4th grade skills and introducing some 5th grade concepts to get our brains thinking about next year.

Although the weather is warming up, mornings tend to be cool and we never know what changes will happen throughout the day. Please make sure kids wear a jacket to school, just in case the weather gets nasty.



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Please keep your eye out for information about end of the year activities. You can follow us on Facebook and Twitter to keep updated. You can link to our social media sites from our school website.

As the school year winds down, we want to take this time to thank you for sharing your children with us this year, and wish you a very happy and healthy summer!

5th Grade:

Greetings, parents and families! Fifth grade has a busy, busy, busy 4th Quarter ahead of us! In science, we will be exploring human body systems and how they interact. In social studies, we are preparing for our trip to Young AmeriTowne by learning the ins and outs of economics. In math, we will be discovering what it means to be a polygon through an artistic lens. During ELD/ALD, students will be developing a "story of impact" from their elementary school careers – be sure to check them out!

In addition, please note that our 5th Grade Continuation is on Thursday, May 25th, 2017, at 1:30 pm. More reminders will be coming, but come and support your student as he/she walks out of elementary school and into middle school!

Finally, we would also ask you to remind your student to continue to follow Sixth Avenue's R.I.S.E. code of conduct so that fifth graders can be the leaders of our school. And, as always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best,
The Fifth Grade Team

Music News Quarter 4:

Mark your calendars for the upcoming performances:

Grade 2 Musical - Healthy:

Tuesday, April 25th, 2017 - Please note the change of date to Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. Please have students arrive at 5:15 p.m. to the library.

Grade 1 Musical - Welcome to the Jungle:

Thursday, May 11th, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. - Please have students arrive at 5:15 p.m. to the library.

Continuation- 5th grade students are preparing songs for this end of year celebration. Fifth grade teachers will be providing information regarding this upcoming event.

Kindergarten is going to finish out the school year by doing musical book study and call n response songs to increase more awareness in vocal development. 1st and 2nd grade classes are working hard to prepare for their musicals and will finish out the school year with a rhythm and movement music unit. Students in grades 3-5 began their Composer music unit focusing on the music and lives of classical music composers.

Art:

This year's Aurora Public Schools District Art Show has arrived! The exhibition will be held at the Town Center of Aurora located at 14200 East Alameda Avenue, Aurora, CO, 80012 (The Aurora Mall). Artwork from Sixth Avenue students will be on display on the lower level next to the Vans store starting April 10th through April 22nd. I am so proud of all our students and the hard work they have all put into creating meaningful art this year. Below is a list of students who will be



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displaying artwork in this year's show. If you have any questions please let me know.

William Corona Chavez

Joanna Lerma Moncada

Julius Lard

Adam Diawara

Fernando Alfaro Palacios

Cailyn Dinkey

Zau Dan Lahtaw

Yahir Quintero Campa

Camila Hernandez Rodriquez

Alan Pinela Esparza

Maria Navarro Flores

Giovanni Herrera Quezada

Paola Martinez Ozona

Jorge Miranda Navarro

Alejandro Rascon Ferrales

Jocelyn Solorzano

Evelyn Gomez Saucedo

It's Registration Time for 2017-18 School Year!

Registrations for the 2017-18 school year will begin

March 1, 2017. Centralized Admissions will begin accepting **online registrations** for all new and returning inactive students of all grade levels (Kindergarten through 12) registering into the district. Kindergarten age students (child must be 5 years old on or before October 1, 2017) who are **NOT** active in an APS preschool program may register at that time.

NOTE: Current ACTIVE APS preschool students entering kindergarten in 2017-18 will not need to re-register at Centralized Admissions. Beginning March 1, 2017 they may enroll at their designated school based on the address in IC. To determine which school should they attend, use our online address lookup tool at:

<http://aurorak12.org/schools/address-lookup-tool>

or call 303-326-2200.

All of our families have the opportunity to register online from home. Centralized Admissions has moved to a paperless office. Please visit APS website at aurorak12.org to access the online registration application at the following link:

<https://webapps.aps.k12.co.us/CentralAdmissions/welcome.asp> .

NOTE: ALL STUDENTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN APS WHO ARE RETURNING IN FALL DO NOT NEED TO RE-REGISTER.

Change of Address

Have you moved? Don't miss important information from your child's school! Update your address at your child's school using the APS Online Address Change Tool available at all of the Aurora Public Schools. Photo ID and proof of address are required. Visit APS website at aurorak12.org for detailed information.

Change of Guardianship or Custody

Please visit Centralized Admissions at 1085 Peoria St, Aurora CO 80011 (open year-round, Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) if you have a change in guardianship or custody.

Preschool Registration

For information or questions regarding the preschool program, please contact the Early Childhood Department at 303-364-9371. All children must be screened and placed through the Early Childhood Education Department prior to proceeding with the online registration process.



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