June 1, 2020

Hello Parents and Students,

I hope that this communication finds you healthy and doing well. We have now entered what we refer to as the 'home stretch' and I am reaching out to you to share some information about the end of the school year but also looking for your support and encouragement regarding virtual learning.

Our last day of school is June 18th. Until then, it is very important that students attend virtual learning classes and make every effort to submit assigned work on time. Our expectations for virtual student learning include student attendance, student achievement, and digital citizenship. It is my hope that we can all work together in making sure that your child is engaged in virtual learning and adhering to teacher expectations. While we realize this is not the perfect situation, our staff is doing their very best in creating and delivering lessons for students. In return, students should give their best efforts to meet the expectations of virtual learning. If your child has any difficulties understanding an assignment or meeting a deadline, please reach out to the teacher. All of our teachers have embraced each child's individual learning status and will be flexible and understanding. Communication is key!

At this time, we are reviewing guidelines from the Governor and the NJDOE regarding an in-person graduation ceremony that is permitted to occur in July. As soon as plans are finalized, they will certainly be communicated to our school community. We care deeply about our students and want to celebrate their achievements in the most relevant and safest ways possible.

The ASPIRE program will conclude on June 6th. However, we will be having a summer session and information for our summer ASPIRE program can be found on the ASPIRE Facebook page.

Virtual Award ceremonies will be shared with our school community. The video broadcast will be on Facebook (@ehtnjschools), YouTube (/LeannaMullen), and on Comcast Channel 97 on the following dates/times:

- Senior Awards - June 10 @ 6:00pm
- Alder 8th Grade Awards - June 11 @ 6:00pm
- Fernwood 8th Grade Awards - June 12 @ 6:00pm

We will continue our Food Service for all families up to and including June 15th.

Kindergarten registration is open until June 15th. Please register to help us with our planning for this new program.

Be sure to tune into our Fine and Performing Arts Series that will showcase music, art, dance, and drama which can be found on the @EHTNJSchools Facebook page.

To keep abreast of happenings in our school district, please refer to the Weekly District Newsletter for updated information. It can be found on our social media sites as well as on my Superintendent’s Corner on our website.

I appreciate your patience and support as we get through this unusual time together.

Be Well. #EHTStrong

Respectfully,

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Superintendent