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Dear Readington Families,

This weekend is Memorial Day weekend! Let's hope for nice weather so you can spend some time outside. Enjoy the weekend - rest and relax. We'll see your children remotely on Tuesday.

### **Calendar Adjustment and Student Belongings**

A revised calendar was approved by the Board of Education on Tuesday evening. Please be reminded that **May 22 will be revised as a remote learning day. Remote learning will end on June 19, leaving June 22** as a close out day. The week of June 1-5 will be an opportunity for school staff to begin collecting student materials left in classrooms in March. Our staff will be placing items in a bag for parent pick-up later in June. If you have personal items of sentimental significance or of value, you may contact the principal or [schoolclosure@readington.k12.nj.us](mailto:schoolclosure@readington.k12.nj.us) to make arrangements to secure that item separately, otherwise everything will be collected in bags and distributed on June 19 and 22. Each school building is finalizing plans for pick-up and drop-off, which will occur on these dates. We will communicate those plans once they are available. However, you can **mark your calendar for June 19 and June 22 as pick-up/drop-off days.**

### **Graduation Gown Pick Up**

It is the time of year we celebrate our 8th grade graduates. Mrs. Moffat sent a letter to all 8th grade families with instructions regarding curbside pick-up of graduation gowns. Please be sure to check your Genesis notifications for her letter.

### **Graduation and Other End of the Year Celebrations**

Please be reminded that Executive Order 142 allows for special gatherings (i.e. parades) where individuals remain in vehicles. Our district continues to develop a virtual video for our 8th grade graduates. Notice has come out this week about graduation gown pick-up so families can take a picture of their graduate in a graduation gown. The picture can be sent back for us to create our video. This will be a nice video gift to our graduates. We are also considering a "wave" parade where we can say goodbye to our 8th grade graduates. Currently, the superintendents in the county are working with OEM to ensure our wave parades follow the new Executive Order, and we will also be working with local law enforcement. As plans develop, we will keep you informed. Also, there are often other celebrations in grades K, 3, and 5 where students move up to the next grade-level or school. All of the elementary schools are working on a project to commemorate these special events. These videos will be a nice send-off to our students in the elementary grades. More information will be forthcoming.

### **A Few Responsive Classroom Resources for Parents**

The following resource is from The Responsive Classroom. Readington has implemented many of these restorative practices for several years. Below are some research-based strategies intended to strengthen SEL skills while learning remotely. Remote learning can present many challenges, one of which is staying focused with so many other distractions. These tips can help your children cultivate the skills needed to build self-control and manage impulsivity while learning at home.

**Grades K-2**, Objective on the handout: The student will be able to connect socially unacceptable behaviors that impact self and others. [Click here](#)

**Grades 3-5**, Objective on the handout: The student will be able to identify how delaying gratification can be beneficial. [Click here](#)

**Grades 6-8**, Objective on the handout: The students will be able to understand the connection between impulse control and resisting temptation and urges while achieving a goal. [Click here](#)

Finally, I continue to be amazed at the fortitude of our Readington community. In these turbulent and uncertain times our community remains strongly committed to the welfare of one another. This has allowed us to show our gratitude to a most sacred human experience: our strength in compassion. I, for one, am so very grateful for the work of everyone in the Readington community. Have a great long weekend!

Sincerely,



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