

Greetings Memorial School 5th Grade Families,

As we quickly approach the end of the school year, we wanted to communicate our plans to celebrate our fifth grade students, especially as they have persevered through this difficult and unprecedented spring. While our celebration will look different this year, it will have the same level of compassion and pride from our Memorial School staff as it has always had.

With that said, our Memorial School staff very much want to be able to cheer on, congratulate, and celebrate our fifth grade students in person as opposed to over a screen. A more detailed explanation of what our celebration will look like can be found below:

<b>Date</b>	<b>June 3rd, 2020</b>
<b>Arrival Time</b>	<b>1:00p.m.</b>
<b>Start Time</b>	<b>1:20p.m.</b>

<b>What to expect</b>	<b>How we will celebrate</b>
<p>We are hoping to organize a 20 minute arrival time for vehicles to line up behind a Newton PD escort. (Vehicles will line up along the road toward the middle school parking lot.)</p> <p>At 1:20, our police escort will lead vehicles through a “reverse parade” as Memorial School staff and Newton first responders line the road and cheer on 5th grade students.</p> <p>At the end of the “reverse parade” route, vehicles will briefly stop for students to receive a certificate and 5th grade t-shirt from their teacher.</p>	<p>Mr. McCluskey and Mrs. Lizier will share a short speech to all 5th grade students on the morning of June 3rd via Constant Contact.</p> <p>Memorial School Staff will cheer on 5th grade students on a “reverse parade” route with an escort from Newton police and fire departments.</p> <p>Students will receive a certificate and 5th grade t-shirt from their teacher.</p>

While we would certainly prefer an experience that allowed for our students, families, and staff to more directly interact, like the other celebrations (8th grade and graduation) across the district, we must be mindful of the health and safety of everyone.

If you have any questions or concerns about this event, please email don't hesitate to email me ([rmcccluskey@sau17.net](mailto:rmcccluskey@sau17.net)) at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Ryan McCluskey