From the Principal:

We had a great week here at Silvia celebrating our amazing staff. Thank you to all our families who participated with notes, pieces of art, delicious food, and many other ways in which appreciation was shown. The Silvia community is VERY SPECIAL!

As mentioned in last week’s Spotlight, we are busy with planning for end-of-the-year events. Our goal is to make the end of the year as “normal” as we can, while at the same time adhering to safety protocol. Please be on the lookout for communication from the school relative to events such as 5th Grade Send-Off, Field Day, and our Silvia Talent Show.

As we move deeper and deeper into the month of May, we get closer to our MCAS testing dates for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. The Department of Secondary and Elementary Education expects ALL students to participate in MCAS. This applies to in person and full remote students. Please be aware of the dates below in terms of students being present at school. As we get closer to the testing dates, we will be communicating with all families relative to administration of the MCAS.

Last, as we head into the weekend, we want to give a HUGE SHOUTOUT to all our amazing mothers and mother figures in our Silvia community. Have a wonderful Mother’s Day and our hope is you get some time to yourselves to relax and are spoiled by your families!

Safety and Traffic Reminders:

We continue to improve when it comes to our traffic flow in the morning. **We want to thank the FRPD for their ongoing support with this matter.** Just a few reminders that if followed will go a long way:

- ALWAYS use the crosswalk when crossing Meridian street. If you try to cross the street in other areas it makes it unsafe and causes more traffic back-up.
- Do NOT pass cars on the left anywhere on Meridian Street or on Silvia campus.
- DO NOT show up to Silvia before 7:30. When the traffic is backed up prior to 7:30, staff has a difficult time getting into the parking lot.
- Do NOT block the back parking lots from entry. The staff needs to be able to access both back lots.
- The doors close at 7:55 and students arriving afterwards will be marked tardy. Technically our school day starts at 7:40 am. We can’t allow students in the building until 7:30. This gives us a 25 minute window for students to be dropped off at Silvia. If the traffic is backed up at 7:55, then students will NOT be marked tardy. However, since we have gotten a lot more efficient with arrival, there has been no line as early as 7:50 am. This means traffic is not an issue for getting students to school by 7:55.

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**MCAS Testing Dates:**

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**Silvia Staff Appreciation Week Recap:**

We had such a wonderful week recognizing and celebrating our amazing Silvia staff. From luncheons, to cards of gratitude, to delicious treats, we were touched by the acts of gratitude. Thank you Silvia community for all your support!!

**Silvia Summer Academy and Enrichment UPDATE:**

At this time, we are no longer collecting data on interest in our summer academy. The next steps will be to make class lists and organize transportation for those families who requested it. Please stay tuned for more information coming in the upcoming weeks.

**Upcoming Dates/Events:**

- Please find our school calendar [HERE](#).

“**All that I am, or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.”**

**Abraham Lincoln**

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