

Friday, May 10, 2019

As we prepare to honor our mothers this weekend...

1. I hope you felt plenty of love from your students throughout **Teacher Appreciation Week**. And while I greatly wish we could present an "**End of Year Survival Basket**" (full of gift cards, food, drink and other essentials) to every one of you, I'm happy to announce that this year's winner (pulled in a random drawing yesterday afternoon) is **Tara Blake**.
2. Breaking news: The Plymouth County Educators Association has named **Kate Dollard** and **Louis Pires** as "Rookie of the Year" award winners. Hard to imagine two more well deserving candidates!
3. I didn't realize until a few days ago that Teacher Appreciation Week coincides with **National Nurses Week**. And while I would argue that they deserve a week all their own, let's pay tribute to **Kristina McManus** and **Kristine O'Keefe**, the two best school nurses you'll find anywhere. They don't get nearly enough credit for the huge contributions they make to our school each and every day.
4. If you find a spare moment next week (very rare, especially in May, I know...), consider attending one or more of the following: the **orchestra and band concert** on Tuesday at 7 PM in the auditorium, the **Global Citizenship Program's annual symposium** on Wednesday at 6 PM in the cafeteria, and/or the choral program's annual **Major Works Concert** on Thursday at 7 PM at the Lutheran House of Prayer on Main Street. All of them are sure to be fun and memorable events.
5. A few other things that should be on your calendar for next week: our second-to-last **faculty meeting** on Wednesday at 2:45 PM in the auditorium; **grade-level assemblies** for election speeches during C Block on Friday; and "**Breathe Out**" **activities** throughout the day next Friday. And then MCAS returns the following week, with two days of math exams on May 21st and 22nd. You can expect to get that schedule soon.

Finally, to the many of you who have chosen the highest calling of them all: **Happy Mother's Day!** And have a great weekend!

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