

Dear Families:

I am amazed that it is already May! It seems like forever since we have been together! With just a few weeks left in the school year, I wanted to share some important information with you:

1. Essential Components and Assessments Grades K-4th: Each grade level has chosen essential learning components for the remainder of the year. These are the most important standards for students to be learning over the next few weeks. In addition, teachers have identified specific activities as assessments. These will be clearly identified as assessments. As much as possible, please allow your child to complete these independently. This is especially important as we try to learn where each student is, so that we may work to develop plans for them moving forward. Your child's teacher will be sharing the specific components this afternoon.

2) May 15th from 6:30 to 7:00, the MES PATT will be sponsoring a Virtual Country Western Family Dance! Please follow the JMES Facebook page or the JMES PATT Facebook page for more information.

3) The last day of school for students will be May 29th.

4) We are working on various plans to return students' belongings to them. Please be patient as we work out a procedure that ensures the safety of all.

5) This week is Teacher Appreciation Week! Please help thank our amazing JMES staff by sending pictures or short videos (3-5 seconds) of your children showing appreciation by Thursday, May 7th to [michelle.romein@sau26.org](mailto:michelle.romein@sau26.org).

6) Happy Teacher Appreciation Week to you! I know many of you did not intend to be your children's teacher this year! I want you to know we appreciate how hard you are all working and all the support you have shown us through this experience.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Take care,

Michelle Romein  
Principal