



Pond Cove School

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Dear Pond Cove Families,

On the afternoon of Thursday, June 18, you will have access to your child's Remote Learning Report via PowerSchool. Please note that this report will provide a summary of content covered within your child's grade level and will not include numeric scores or individualized comments on your child's performance during remote learning.

As you are aware, the move to emergency remote learning from March 16 to June 5 affected our ability to provide the typical depth of instruction on each grade-level standard. Over these last few months of the school year our instructional focus has been on reinforcement of skills and concepts that students encountered earlier in the year as well as exposure to new priority content.

A winter student report card was provided to you in February. At that time you received a report which included your child's progress in each content area as well as Habits of Work. On the winter report card, each subject was broken down into indicators to reflect how students progressed towards grade-level standards at that point in the year.

Due to our shift to remote learning in March, the end of year report will be a narrative summary of academic opportunities offered during the school closure. The summative assessments we typically use to inform the report card, such as the Developmental Reading Assessment, cannot be administered remotely. Therefore, we are unable to accurately assess each student's level of performance at this time. However, there has been a significant amount of ongoing formative feedback provided to students and families through our online learning experience. Teachers also offered individualized meetings, via Google Meet, to students and families in June of this year.

Pond Cove staff are currently working on a plan to assess all students in the fall in order to measure their academic achievement. This assessment data will help us match students with appropriate instruction when school reopens.

I would also like to make you aware of another change in our end of year reporting this spring. Unlike a typical year, your child's classroom assignment for next year will not be listed on the report. In an earlier communication, I stated that classroom placements may be announced on July 14. However, it is likely that we will not be able to share class placements by that date. Planning for a successful reopening of schools in the fall will require great attention to detail. Since the structure of our school may look significantly different from the norm in September, we will not finalize class lists until later in the summer.

Thank you for partnering with us in your child's education this year, particularly during these last few months. We wish you a healthy, happy, and relaxing summer!

Best Wishes,

Jason Manjourides
Principal