May 21, 2018

CCSD 89 families:

I recently asked our principals to share some of their favorite moments from the 2017-18 school year. As you would imagine, they highlighted the academic achievements of your students and special events where students had opportunities to show what they’ve learned. But, the principals also put a big spotlight on the amazing sense of community that has developed in our buildings.

This year, our students helped donate more than $10,000 to Houston-area schools affected by hurricanes. More than 60 students signed up to be best buddies with a special education student. Staff set up a SpartanMart to gather supplies for students in need. More than $3,000 was raised to supply clean water in Africa.

Those are just a few of the events that show our students’ and our community’s desire to reach out to others well beyond our neighborhoods. Our district will always value the reading, writing, and arithmetic skills that provide the essential academic foundation. But, fortunately, our students have opportunities to learn much more in CCSD 89 classrooms.

The extra effort to connect our students to the larger world is a big part of what makes it exciting for me to come to CCSD 89 every day. Now, I want to hear more about what you value in our schools.

We will be hosting community engagement sessions on June 5, June 19, and June 23. These sessions will be your opportunity to share what you want our schools to represent in this community. I hope that you will be able to join us. There is a lot more information about these sessions at www.ccsd89.org/our89

Please enjoy these last few days of the school year. I hope your summer is filled with family moments that become lifetime memories. Thank you for all you do to support CCSD 89.

Here are some other important reminders:

**Summer school enrichment opportunities available**
CCSD 89 is once again partnering with Butterfield Park District to provide an enrichment-focused learning experience this summer. The summer-enrichment program is open to all CCSD 89 students in kindergarten through fifth grades, and will be held at Westfield Elementary School. The program begins Monday, June 18, and will be held every Monday through Thursday until July 5. (No school on July 4.) Find out more here: https://goo.gl/unptPc
Last day of school scheduled to be May 23
You probably heard about this from your student, but just a reminder that due to the severe weather, one day was added to the 2017-18 school year. The last day of the school year will be this Wednesday, May 23. It will be a half day for all students. Elementary dismissal will be 11:50 a.m., Glen Crest dismissal will be 11:15 a.m.

PEP fundraiser at Chipotle
You can eat out for the night and support CCSD 89 students by visiting the Roosevelt Road Chipotle this month. Anyone who eats at the restaurant at 695 Roosevelt Road between 4 and 8 p.m., on Tuesday, May 29, should tell the cashier you are there to support District 89. Chipotle will donate 50 percent of the proceeds to the PEP Foundation, which provides grants to teachers and students. Learn more at www.ccsd89.org/chipotle

Be sure to get registered
Thank you to the many families who have registered for the 2018-19 school year. It is very important for the district to know who will be returning next school year so we can begin planning for our staffing and space needs. To register, you’ll need the “snapcode” you received in the mail or at new-student registration. On the district’s registration page (www.ccsd89.org/register), look for the dark blue button that says “2018-19 Registration with SnapCode”. More information: https://bit.ly/2H5LzJi

Board updates
On May 14, the Board of Education approved an agreement with the Head Start program. The district will supply the classroom; all other costs for the program are covered by Metropolitan Family Services. This Head Start will provide 17 classroom spots for students who qualify based on need. Also at the meeting, several Briar Glen students presented their state fair projects and shared some fascinating facts with the board. You can read highlights from the meeting here: https://bit.ly/2KDSfvm

The board will hold its next regular meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, June 18, at the Administration Center, 22W600 Butterfield Road, Glen Ellyn. All meetings are open to the public. Full agendas and minutes for all board meetings can be found at www.ccsd89.org/board

Upcoming events
May 22: Glen Crest Promotion Ceremony, 7 p.m.
May 23: Last day of 2018-19 school year (morning attendance)
May 29: PEP Fundraiser at Chipotle www.ccsd89.org/chipotle
June 5: ‘Our 89’ Community engagement meeting, 7-9 p.m. www.ccsd89.org/our89
June 18: Board of Education meeting, 7 p.m.
June 19: ‘Our 89’ Community engagement meeting, 7-9 p.m. www.ccsd89.org/our89
June 23: ‘Our 89’ Community engagement meeting, 7-9 p.m. www.ccsd89.org/our89
July 16: Board of Education meeting, 7 p.m.

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August 13: First day of school for staff
August 15: First day of school for students

Thank you for supporting learning for life in CCSD 89!

Sincerely,

Emily K. Tammaru
Superintendent

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