



Dear Parents,

Our theme for Magnolia School's first year has been "To Have Courage for Whatever Comes in Life." The word courage stems from the Latin "cor," which means of the heart. We told the girls that to have courage is to tell the story of who she is with her whole heart. Please share with your daughter how you have seen her live courageously, with her whole heart, during this time of at-home learning. I know she will be grateful to hear your words!

As part of our winding down this last month of the school year, we have a few events happening over what we are calling "Monarch May." This weekend we will all celebrate Mother's Day and I wish each of you a very special day spent with your families. Over the Mother's Day weekend, we invite all of you to participate in a Magnolia Run Club Virtual 5k. Our 6th and 7th graders in the Run Club have organized a remote run that will benefit a wonderful organization called Meals on Wheels that brings meals to the homebound. Registration information can be found on our website, here: <https://www.magnoliaschool.org/virtual-5k>. Family and friends are welcome to join; please share far and wide!

Next week, our at-home work will look lighter as we finish all of the assignments for the year. Please take this opportunity to send any missing assignments and give the girls a little extra time outside soaking up the beautiful weather.

In our final school week of May 18-21, we will ask the girls to participate in activities at home and send us pictures of their adventures. There will be games, service opportunities, a day for House Zooms and a final day with a Reverse Parade. Please save the date for Thursday, May 21 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm for our parade. All will be invited to drive through the campus and see the teachers and staff as we all head into summer. The parade will be a great opportunity to return books, pick up items left at school, drop off used uniforms, and give a big wave to all of the teachers. We will have a summer send-off treat as well.

An update on summer camps: our summer camps are scheduled to start on Monday, June 1. We will continue to follow the guidelines of our state leaders regarding all possibilities for hosting camp. We have decided to cancel our Camp Magnolia, which was our large camp with the possibility of 50 campers. We will look forward to recreating it next year. All of our other camps have smaller groups and we intend to host them unless we hear differently. Please visit our website to register your daughter for a camp: <https://www.magnoliaschool.org/summer-camps>. These are open to all girls entering grades 2-8, so please share with friends and family who might be interested. Your prompt registration is appreciated so we can plan appropriately.

Today is the birthday of 3rd grader, Natalia Flores. Happy 9th birthday, Natalia!!

Lastly, we have created a Remote Learning Support tab on our website, which contains helpful links to messages from our chaplain, Fr. Pete, Dr. Pat Fagan's inspiring talk for parents from earlier this year, and a book list of some recommended supplemental reading: <https://www.magnoliaschool.org/covid-19-monarch-resources>

You will receive our next slide show shortly in a separate email. Please share with your girls and enjoy the House fun!

I am grateful for all of you, particularly for your courage and fortitude, as we've navigated this unusual time together. I am praying for a peaceful, healthy, and fun summer for all of us!

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