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WEEKLY MEMO

TO: Elementary parents

FROM: Don Kronenberger and Beth Perdue

SUBJECT: Information for parents and students

DATE: June 5, 2017

We have reached the last week of the 2016-2017 school year. The last day of school, Tuesday, June 6, will be an **all-school end-of-year celebration** including an elementary graduation that honors **Jimmy Blow** and **Hunter Holms**. The event will also include kindergarten graduation, a short musical program, and a pot luck luncheon. We hope to see you there on Tuesday, June 6 from 11:00 am through 1:00 pm at the Thornton Building ballroom. There is no other school that day. Please see the sign-up sheets in the coatroom for pot-luck items to bring.

Please look forward to the students **bringing their work home** on Monday, June 5. It will be worthwhile to spend time with your child(ren) reviewing work from the spring semester. Also, we will be encouraging the students to round up and bring home any clothing and other gear from school on Monday. **Progress reports** for the spring semester (along with ITBS reports) will be mailed home next week.

Students should have brought home **library cards** after the library trip last Wednesday. We encourage families to visit the library often and continue reading throughout the summer.

The elementary classroom had a nice field trip to **Fairmont Hot Springs** last Thursday afternoon. Thanks to **Holly, Maleesha, and Sarah** for chaperoning with us.

Thanks to **Lucy Frey** (Sasha's mom) for arranging a special visit to SBM by **Zulu Prince Siboniso Zulu** (Prince Sbo) and his two colleagues, Nkokhelo Msomi and Mokai Malope last Friday morning. Students from elementary and early childhood classrooms enjoyed learning and asking questions about the Zulu people and South Africa.

Looking ahead to next year, we expect the **first day** of the 2017-18 school year to be **Wednesday, September 6, 2017**. The academic year calendar for SBM has not been finalized yet, but we plan, as usual, to have the same starting day as BSD#1 along with significant consistency (e.g., holidays, end-of-school) between the SBM and BSD#1

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calendars. If returning to SBM, please plan to attend an orientation meeting and open house to be scheduled during the mid to latter part of the week of August 28, 2017.

Enrolled families will receive the **SBM calendar and back-to-school information** in mid-July. Please ensure that you submit or have submitted re-enrollment forms to the school office if you intend for your student(s) to return to SBM in the fall. This information is vital to effectively plan and staff for the coming school year.

We hope you'll agree that the students have learned and accomplished much this year. It's been very gratifying to work with them, and we appreciate the opportunity to do so. We are very grateful to the **parents and grandparents who volunteer** in so many capacities throughout the year. Your help is crucial to the success we achieve.

If you have questions or need further information, please contact us.