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FOREST PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Year-End Assembly!!

The annual end-of-the-year assembly will be taking place at 9am on Tuesday the 15th. Traditionally 5th grade parents have wanted to participate in this event as their 5th graders walk across the stage to receive a certificate from their classroom teachers. Parents are always welcome at any event limited only by space. Please remember that we have very little seating available once we seat 530 children and staff. As always, please sign in at the main office.

5th Grade Clap-Out

At the end of the day we will hold the annual 5th grade clap-out. This tradition honors our 5th graders as they parade through the halls and over the playground. This year we are making necessary changes to our parade route to improve safety, security, and dismissal on the last day of the school year. This year children of grades K, 1, and 2 will line up in the main lobby and halls. Grade 3 will line up along the walkway near the blue and brown portables. Grade 4 will line up alongside the play structure. We will respectfully ask that *ALL* parents line up at the end of our line from the fourth graders towards the four square and basketball courts. Signs and cones will be in place to help direct your way. The covered play area car turnaround will remain closed until 2:15.

We are asking that parents are not in the lobby or hallway for the clap-out. Parents should gather no earlier than 2pm, as 5th grade students will begin their “run” at 2:10. All adults arriving on the playground prior to 2:00pm should be wearing a visitor's badge.

The 5th grade students will parade by first entering the main front door entrance, down the hall towards the side portables, along side the playground and then past the parents. Fifth grade teachers will gather their classrooms under the covered play area and dismiss as a whole class. Students in grade K - 4 will also gather as a whole class and dismiss as a whole group to their designated “going home” destination. **Students will not be dismissed directly from the clap-out to parents.**

I believe these measures will have a number of very positive outcomes. If you have attended the clap-out in the past, you know how difficult it is to see the 5th graders as they parade their way out the doors. Ending on the playground will greatly improve the traffic flow. The obvious dismissal by teachers following the clap-out rather than directly from the clap-out will **greatly** improve the safety and assurance that children are appropriately guided to their afternoon exiting destination - front or back car pick-up lines, bus lines, KidSpace or walk home routines. Thank you for helping us ensure the safety of our children.

Please call or email with any questions,
Kevin Crotchett