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The Principal Observes

Teacher Appreciation

This school year has been like two years in one, or one year divided into very different parts. The first part ended on March 10 when Grace Academy closed for three days of cleaning with the plan to reopen on March 16. That changed when the governor closed schools through April 24, and later extended the closure through the end of the school year. The teachers had to instantly pivot from teaching traditionally to teaching using distance learning. This was a difficult transition to make with only a few days to plan for it. This was only the beginning of many adjustments because they have been adjusting each week to improve the education they provide for students.

As we come to Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4-8, they need encouragement. As hard as they have been working, it is difficult to be satisfied with teaching in this way since this is not what they signed up for. It is a great time to let them know they are loved. I know many parents would like to express their appreciation and I encourage you to do it.

We are not able to celebrate in the ways we normally would because of the state's quarantine orders, but there are options. The following suggestions are made with the best intentions of meeting the government's requirements and yet honoring the teachers.

- You could email your child's teacher and let them know your thoughts.
- You can send a card or gift by mailing it to the school, or have a vendor mail a gift to the school, and we will make sure they receive it.
- A no-cost idea is to make a video and send it to them. If you send it to me, I can have it posted on Facebook so others can celebrate with you and the teacher.

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