

Dear Corkran Middle School 8th Grade Families,

As a mom of an 8th grader myself, I am deeply saddened when I think of all the activities all our students missed this spring. I was as excited for the end of year dance festivals, music concerts, field days, field trips, 8th grade dance and awards ceremony as the students were. When the State Superintendent announced the closure of school for this year and I realized that I would not see your children again, I was heartbroken. I know many of our teachers and staff at Corkran feel the same way. Your students, "our kids" are a bright light in our days and we miss you all terribly.

Last week, AACPS sent out guidelines for our 8th grade recognitions as to be equitable across all schools. Please understand, we are unable to bring anyone on our property at this time, as we are still under the State Superintendent's directive. This includes any drive up or drive by type activity or any gatherings. Our PTA is considered an extension of our school building and must also adhere to the guidelines.

Our teachers have been working hard to create a digital recognition of all of our 8th graders that will be posted to our Corkran website homepage, our Corkran school wide google classroom and our 8th grade teacher's google classrooms on June 18th. We are asking that families enjoy the slideshow from their home devices and for the safety of our 8th graders, please do not post the slideshow on any social media platforms. Please know that the slideshow is in compliance with the county regulations and will not show photos or video of any student.

Our secretaries and teachers will prepare certificates to go along with the recognition once we are allowed back in the building full time. Once the certificates are printed and sorted we will mail them to your residence.

We realize that many of our students have personal belongings still at school. We know there are school supplies, coats and hoodies, dance fundraiser shirts and instruments still at Corkran. We also know that you have books and supplies that need to come back to school. At this time, we are awaiting directions as to when and how we will organize the pick-up. The yearbook and picture company was not considered essential and has been closed for most of the quarantine. As soon as we hear about yearbook and spring photos we will pass along the information to you. Medication pick up has already been coordinated with our nurses. If medication wasn't picked up on the scheduled date, which was the 26th of May, it has been disposed of according to appropriate health department regulations.

Thank you again for your patience in this unprecedented time and please hug your children for us!

Mrs. Meadows
Assistant Principal