May 22, 2020

Dear Hazel Park Schools’ Families and Community,

Our Hazel Park community has a strong tradition of service by our men and women who have fought and died so bravely for the freedom and security of our nation. These Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen have made the ultimate sacrifice, and we honor their dedication and sacrifice.

Memorial Day can also be a time to be aware of people who have suffered personally from the loss of a loved one. These losses may be felt even more deeply this year with the extra stress that people are feeling so be prepared to give some extra care.

Hazel Park Schools continues to follow reopening guidelines and strategies across the country. We remain committed to seeking guidance from national medical experts and epidemiologists, while closely monitoring county and state health guidelines to make informed decisions intended to keep our students and our community safe.

Our Looking Forward Committee, composed of parents, teachers and administrators, and parents met for the first time this week to plan for next year. This committee will not only focus on learning for next year but how to make our schools as safe as possible reviewing all of the return to school options.

With this in mind, we would like to ask you for your thoughts on optimal strategies for the upcoming 2020 - 2021 school year. We ask that you complete this brief Remote Learning Survey regarding your experience learning from home through Hazel Park Schools’ remote learning program of which your student was introduced this spring.

If you have additional thoughts not covered by the survey, please email them to amy.kruppe@hazelparkschools.org. Your thoughts will allow us to understand how our current methods are working for you and your students so that we can keep our community safe while integrating remote learning effectively into our student’s lives if we need to do so.

As we head into this weekend, remember the district offices are closed today and Monday and will reopen on Tuesday, May 26th. If you missed picking up your packets on Thursday, you will be able to pick them up on Tuesday. Families scheduled to pick up packets on Monday should come at the regularly scheduled time.
Family traditions over this Memorial Day weekend may look different this year due to the current pandemic. As you embrace unique opportunities to celebrate the holiday, know that we continue to thank you for your partnership and ability to serve our students and community at Hazel Park Schools.

Have a safe, healthy and enjoyable weekend!

With Students in Mind,

Dr. Amy Y. Kruppe
Superintendent