

FINAL ELEMENTARY DAY

THURSDAY

May 17, 2018

SCHEDULE

The following is the program timeline for the last elementary day of the year.

- The day consists an abbreviated academic schedule, a brief recess, and the culminating end-of-year ceremony.
- As a finale, everyone will celebrate the 6th graders' departure to junior high with the "6th grade celebration walk."
- Before parting ways for summer, a lunch fellowship featuring Chick-fil-A will allow for smiles and conversation.

Time	Grades K5-2	Grades 3-6	Notes
8:15 a.m.	School day starts as normal		
8:15-9:15 Session 1	K-2 classroom teacher led schedule	Grade 3: Math Grade 4: Math Grade 5: Math Grade 6: Language Arts	One hour session
9:20-10:20 Session 2	K-2 classroom teacher led schedule	Grade 3: Language Arts Grade 4: Language Arts Grade 5: Language Arts Grade 6: Math	One hour session
10:20-10:35		Recess	
10:35		Transition: Water, restroom, then settle into multi-purpose room	
10:45	Multi-purpose room: Elementary grades ceremony for K-6		
	By grade level, starting with K5, each class shares and teachers celebrate student & class character		
11:15	5-minute transition will occur here in the program At this time: K-2 students may optionally dismiss with their parent or stay for 3-6 program under their parent's supervision		
11:20	Program continues with grades 3-6, in order		
12:10	6 th graders dismissed to classroom #4 for a blessing		
12:15 ish	6 th grade honor walk; rising junior high students celebrated by parents, families, and staff		
12:25 ish	LUNCH: Hot Lunch immediately follows -- all grades and parents in main building		
1:00 p.m.	All students dismissed to parents. Have a rewarding summer.		

* Please make sure to take all children – and their book bags, lunch boxes, projects, lost-and-found items!

To: All parents and teachers of ELEMENTARY students

Re: **Thursday, May 17 –The final day’s schedule is a modified schedule**

- The first part of the morning consists of language arts and math work.
 - K5-2nd grades will work on their own schedules that morning, since they are self-contained.
 - For 3rd – 6th grades, math and language arts classes will meet, since the elementary emphasis is upon those two subjects. This means that history, science, and electives will not be held on Thursday. The last meeting for these subjects is on Tuesday.
The two class periods Thursday morning are shorter (one-hour), but they are important wrap-up sessions. Depending upon grade levels, this time will be used for testing, culminating sessions, and/or special activities.
- The second half of the morning will focus on celebrating student achievement. All students K5-6th will gather for the ceremony, so that the older ones can honor the younger, and vice-versa. Please note a tiny transition built into the program so that primary students and parents (perhaps with younger siblings) can exit for the playground or home.

The ceremony is simple, and yet it's important to formally celebrate a student and his or her grade level at "the finish" line. Teachers will share character traits observed in each student.

- Completing 6th grade is a milestone step, because those students say "good-bye" to elementary and move on to junior high. We seek to acknowledge and to affirm them by an idea taken from another school. It's called the "honor walk." We'll line the halls with younger students, families, and staff to "cheer the students" as they take one final, symbolic walk down the hall as a 6th grader.
- Finally, we will fellowship with food! A hot lunch provides us the chance to gather with friends and families and faculty for one final time before dismissing for the summer.
- After lunch, students can enjoy a period of recess on the lawn and playground, as parents chat a bit. Parents are to take responsibility for supervising their own children at 12:10 p.m.
- Thanks for your attention and for your support of the program and teachers this year, as both have sought to minister to the children.