

June 12, 2009

5H News

Change & Closure

This time of year brings so many events and changes. There are end of the year picnics, cookouts, showers, weddings, play-offs, graduations, retirements and closing ceremonies. Sometimes it feels next to impossible to really reflect upon the experiences, growth and change, because we are just shuttling from one event to another. I know my household has had a whirlwind spring and can only imagine yours with older children. In the midst of it all, the emotions of children and their feelings about change can become confused. On

the one hand children are excited for new adventures and summer vacation, on the other, they are exhausted and nervous about what next year will bring. I hope sometime in the next week or two you have the chance to sit down with your fifth grader to take stock of his/her elementary years.

I feel privileged for the opportunity to have worked with all of you this year. Working with your children each day has provided me with the chance to grow, be challenged and have fun each day. Working with parents gives me the whole picture of a child and how a child learns best.

Upcoming Dates

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| June 19 | Letters to Grade 6 teacher due |
| June 15 | 5 th grade celebration 6:30PM |
| June 23 | 5 th grade clap-out 11:45 |

As I reviewed student work from September to June, I witnessed great change – seeing a child who produced only a paragraph in

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September, but pages of writing in June, another child who speaks up and advocates for him/herself and someone who became so excited about science and wants to learn more about micro-organisms.

I look forward to seeing all of

you on Monday evening at our Grade 5 Farewell Assembly. The singing, the slide show and the roses ceremony will be a treat and a great way for us to close our time at Hunnewell together.

Thank you **all** for a wonderful year!

Heather Haskell