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Andrew G. Curtin *Family Newsletter*

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Dear Parent/Guardian (s),

Now that the 76ers have been eliminated from the NBA playoffs, I am a bit hesitant to use the phrase “Trust the Process” as the mantra for my summer send-off. Knowing how passionate (my euphemism for obnoxious) Philadelphia fans can be when their hometown team underperforms (the Phillies), exceeds expectations (the Sixers) or even wins a Super Bowl (I can’t even bear to write the name of this team), I am sure someone out there is still struggling to get over the latest disappointment from the City of Brotherly Love. Still, I am pretty sure they won’t be reading this piece.

Over the last 1.5 months, I scanned the world, almost hourly, for an action, experience or conversation that may prompt me to summarize the variety of emotions I naturally experience at this time each year. Then, it was handed to me in the form of a note (this is an elementary school remember). The author was a sixth-grade student, who, by his own admission, experienced a few “bad years” as he moved through the Williamsport Area School District. In the note, he recognized his missteps and shared that his motivation was to leave a positive impression prior to advancing to the next level in his educational journey. Pretty insightful for any child his age and right in line with our overall mission: let’s make the world better, one stop at a time.

I believe J, and his classmates, have left a positive impression on Andrew G. Curtin – and on me. I can honestly say that while I was signing this year’s “graduation” certificates for our sixth-grade students, I purposely paused to read each student’s name and smile as I reflected on his/her impact on Curtin, or should I say, Curtin’s impact on them? I believe each young man and woman is leaving our building better positioned to be a responsible citizen ready to go forth to serve.

While I am fortunate to be the one to pen my closing remarks, I am certainly not the lone cartographer who created the roadmap to our students’ success. This was accomplished by our teachers and staff working in concert with our families, as well as other agencies to support our children through the trials and tribulations of these foundational years of their schooling. To all of you, I want to express my gratitude; it is because of your tutelage, our children are truly amazing. If you need proof, let me list a few of our building’s accomplishments, accolades and activities.

One of our Odyssey of the Mind teams is heading to the WORLD Competition at the end of this month. Our Orchestra, Band and Choir Concerts are second to none.

**SCHOOL IS IN
SESSION ON
TUESDAY, MAY 29,
2018. IT IS A
SNOW MAKE-UP
DAY. IT WILL BE
A CYCLE DAY #1.**

Nearly 25 of our young women recently completed the Girls on the Run program, as well as the 5K run at the conclusion of it. (Can YOU run a 5K?). Our school was just shy of collecting 4,000 pairs of socks (let that soak in) for local shelters. We raised thousands of dollars for causes such as Hurricane Relief and ALS, as well as other local charities. Finally, our students, staff and teachers scored a 100% on the state level evaluation of our Positive Schoolwide Behavior System. I guess we know how to BE CURTIN.

In closing, I would like to express my gratitude for the opportunity to educate your children this year. Without your support, our students, teachers and staff could not experience the multitudes of success at our building. We appreciate the trust you have in us and “in the process” of education. While we may never reach our destination in education (nor should we), it is good to know we have taken more than a few steps forward in the 2017-2018 school year.

All the Best,

Mr. Michaels

Upcoming Events at Andrew G. Curtin:

May 25th: ½ Grade 6 to Harrisburg, POPS order Due

May 29th: SNOW MAKE-UP DAY, 4th Grade to Coal Mine

May 30th: POPS for a Purpose

May 31st: Grade 6 to Bald Eagle State Park

June 1st: Grade 5 to Lake Tobias, Grade 6 Millionaire Madness (PM)

June 4th: Field Day, (June 5th Rain Date)

June 6th: Final ½ Day of School (11:50 AM Dismissal), Grade 6 Awards Ceremony (9:30 AM)

August 22nd: Open House for the 2018/2019 School Year, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM.

Below you will see a group of students selected to help support our newest Backpack Program from the Central PA Food Bank. Also featured below are our Junior Rotarians Ella & Jack. They were honored in early May.



