HW Smith PreK – 8 School Theresa Haley, Principal

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Dear HW Smith Families,

As we reach the close of another incredible school year, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your partnership, trust and support throughout this journey. It has been a great joy to watch our student learn, grow, and thrive – each one making meaningful strides academically, socially and emotionally.

This year, our school community has celebrated many accomplishments – from classroom success, creative projects and school-wide events. Here are a few:

* Overall attendance has greatly improved, reaching 90% or greater each day
* Robotics Club competed and placed in several district wide competitions
* Students in grades K-2 made great gains in reading as demonstrated on the Dibels assessments
* ELA and Math results in the NWEA assessments show above average growth for most grade levels
* Our students participated in more field experiences than they have in the past four years to locations such as Baltimore Woods, Syracuse University, the zoo, the salt museum and many more
* Our students and families raised hundreds of dollars for charities such as the American Heart Association and Griffins Guardians to give back to our community

None of this would have been possible without the combined efforts of our dedicated teachers, supportive families, and, most importantly, our hardworking students. I am especially proud of the resilience, kindness and curiosity our students have demonstrated. Whether they were just beginning their school journey in Pre-K and Kindergarten or preparing to take their next big step after 8th grade, they each contributed to making our school vibrant, welcoming place to learn and grow.

As we head into the summer, I encourage all of our students to continue reading, exploring and spending quality time with family and friends. Learning doesn’t stop when their school year ends – it simply takes on new forms. We are excited to welcome everyone back in the fall, refreshed and ready for another year of learning and connection. To our families who are moving on, please know you will always be a part of the HW Smith family. Thank you again for a wonderful year. I wish you all a safe, restful, and joyful summer!

Sincerely,

Theresa Haley

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