

Hello Cooley Families and Community,

As we approach the end of the school year, we begin to plan the next step in your student's academic path. This is a significant time, as they will take on more responsibility and greater challenges in the years ahead. We have observed your child's repeated exhibition of strength, determination, and success in the classroom and we look forward to the wonderful things that awaits them as they continue to pursue their academic journey. Our students' capacity to exceed expectations and make a definitive mark on our community fills me with optimism about their future.

We are eager to celebrate this milestone. After reviewing data from our parent surveys, meeting with groups from each site and discussing with the Higley Unified School District, we have created a plan for our 8th grade promotion for this school year and beyond. We want to stay true to the model of celebrating students and their successes and truly valuing their accomplishments as Cooley Cougars. We have decided that a two part plan of celebrating 8th grade promotion will be put into place.

Please be aware that students who fail ANY class, have excessive absences, and/or are suspended between April 1st – May 26th, may not be allowed to participate in either 8th Grade celebration. Also, all fines must be paid and iPad with charger and cord must be turned in to the library to participate.

First: **Awards Celebration**

Students and their families will be honoring student achievement, distributing yearly awards, and establishing new traditions as we host our first evening of Academic and Extra-Curricular Excellence on Friday, May 19th at 6:00 p.m. As we expect, many of our students and families will join us in celebration. Please note if your son or daughter is recognized, an invitation will be mailed home at a later date.

Second: **Promotion Celebration**

All students in good academic and behavioral standing will be invited to Amazing Jakes in Gilbert on May 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and will have a cost of \$20.00. Permission slips will be sent home at a later date. Students will spend their final day as Cougars amongst classmates in friendly competition enjoying games, food, and comradery. Transportation will be provided by bus to and from Amazing Jakes. No students will be allowed to be dropped off or picked up from there.

If you have any questions regarding activities taking place in May, please contact our campus at (480)279-8300.

Best,

Shawn Varner, Principal