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## Events

\*6/8 Last Day for  
Students

Kindergarten and 8th  
Grade Graduation

Early Release  
(12:30pm)/Carnival  
(5pm-8pm)

\*6/9 Last Day for  
Staff

\*7/10 Summer School  
Camp Begins

\*7/28 Summer School  
Camp Ends

*"This institution is an equal  
opportunity provider."*

## Kindergarten

Dear Kindergarteners and Families,

Happy end of the school year! It's the last two weeks of school. We will be cleaning out our belongings, getting ready for graduation, and saying goodbye for the year.

For all subjects: We will be reviewing what we learned all year long (number sense, addition, subtraction, 2-D shapes, 3-D shapes, patterns, time, money, alphabet letters, phonics, sight words, sentence structure, nonliving vs. living, manmade vs. nature made: structures, needs vs. wants, and service vs. goods).

During the last week of school, your child will receive a summer work packet. Please check your child's backpack for work that is expected to maintain and practice skills so that they are ready for 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

REMINDERS: We will be having Kindergarten Graduation on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Please look for an information sheet in your child's binder about the specific time each classes graduation is. That Thursday June 8<sup>th</sup>, will also be an early release day, students will be done with school at 12:30. Lastly, Thursday June 8<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-8pm is our school carnival. Please bring your family to enjoy food trucks, games, and a raffle!

Sincerely,

The Kindergarten Team

## 1st Grade

Hello Families,

The school year is coming to an end. We have enjoyed working with your children and have seen tremendous growth. As the year comes to an end we have many fun activities planned. Please keep in mind the school carnival will be on June 8, which is also a half day of school, more information will follow.

Over the summer there are many activities you can do with your child to keep the learning on track. The public library offers free activities throughout the summer as well as lending out books. It is important to keep your child reading during the summer months.

To help engage your child with math you can practice telling time using a digital or analog clock. You and your child could make a summer bar graph of the summer weather. You could count coins to make purchases at the store. If you have access to a computer, Noble's online program will be available for your child to use; IXL, Xtra Math, Reading Eggs, and Raz Kids. These can also be accessed at your local library.

Thank you for supporting your child's education, we have enjoyed getting to know your family.

Sincerely,

The First grade team

**2nd Grade**

Dear 'Almost' Third Grade Families,

This has been a great year of learning and growing academically and socially. Throughout the year, we learned a lot. Some of the highlights were going to the Minnesota History Center, growing beans, playing outside in our open field and on the playground, and finishing our educational computer programs.

During the summer, take time to enjoy friends and family. Also, take a lot of time to read and go on the Noble website and work on all the strategies we've learned. Your accounts are still active through the summer. Take time to go to libraries and parks. Be active. Be scholarly!

We look forward to seeing you as third graders! We believe in you. You are ready to shine!

Have a spectacular summer!

The Second Grade Team and Ms. Blossom

**3rd Grade**

Dear 3rd Grade Parents,

We can't believe the end of the year is almost here! Over the last month we have spent most of our time reviewing math and reading concepts we have learned throughout the year. In science, students have been working on an animal report involving researching and completing a project about an animal of their choosing. In social studies, students have been learning about the basics of economics, including buying and selling, wants and needs, spending and saving. We have also taken our final round of NWEA- MAP tests and it has been wonderful to see all their progress!

Summer is fast approaching. It is important that during this time away from school, your child practices skills and strategies they have learned this year. This will ensure that they remain prepared for the next grade level. Some things they should be doing to practice are reading 30 minutes every day, practice basic math facts for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, and work on IXL or xtramath. If you are looking for additional resources for your child, check out your local library.

We look forward to seeing you at the carnival on the last day of school!

Sincerely,

3rd Grade Team

**4th Grade**

Dear 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Families,

We have had a wonderful year! It has been great to see all the learning that took place this year. The students had a blast with the engineering team project. They created packaging for a product that had to withstand a drop, heat, and water test. As a reminder, if your child is performing in the talent show you are welcome to attend on June 7<sup>th</sup>. We also hope to see you at our annual carnival on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

We are looking forward to seeing those that will be attending summer school. If your child is not attending summer school, it is very important that they continue reading books at their level every single day. If you have any questions about your child's ILP feel free to contact us. I hope you all enjoy your summer.

Sincerely,

The Fourth Grade Team – Carissa Jobe, Destinie Hsu, Ann Ferber, and Sarah Krall

**5th Grade**

Dear 5<sup>th</sup> grade families,

We have officially concluded testing for the year! All of your child's scores/grades will be on their ILP. They will be sent home on Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> and need to be brought back to school signed by that Friday.

Our lip syncing projects are wrapping up! We will be performing them the last week of school, June 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. Look for a flyer invitation.

Finally, we will have a 5<sup>th</sup> grade "game" day on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Groups of students will come up with a game/activity that the whole grade can participate in. One last amazing team building experience! There may be a water game, so students are encouraged to bring another set of clothes or their gym uniform. We will send home more information about it!

We are so thankful to have been your child's teachers this year. We have enjoyed getting to know each and every one of them!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

Please continue to encourage your child to read and complete IXL skills at home!! Over the summer, they can get a head start on their 6<sup>th</sup> grade ELA and Math IXL assignments!!

Sincerely,

Noble Academy 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers

**6th Grade**

Dear 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents and Families,

Wow, this year has FLOWN by! We are so sad to see our students go, but also excited for the opportunities they will experience in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

These last couple of weeks will include an awesome STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) project where students will have to use their knowledge of almost all content we have learned in science this year. We are really looking forward to it!

Our one week of June is filled with lots of fun events and learning experiences. Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> will include our Noble Talent Show. There will be two performances that different grades of the school will be able to watch. Parents and families will be invited to the second performance. Keep an eye out for further information coming soon!

Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> is a half-day of school due to the School Carnival that will be held later that evening, from 5-8 pm. Please come and enjoy a final farewell of games, food, and fun!

Please be aware that students are going to be bringing home many materials in the coming days and weeks. We will be working on ensuring that we leave our classrooms clean and tidy for next year.

Lastly, we'd like to say thank you for the support you've given your students this year. It truly makes a difference when you put forth the effort in holding your students accountable for their homework, responsibilities, and learning. Thank you for helping make your students successful!

Have an awesome summer!

Ms. Morton, Ms. Hendrickson, & Mrs. Schrempp

**Middle School (7th and 8th Grade)**

Hello Parents and Students,

Here we are, already at the end of the year! The year has gone by so quickly and we have had so much fun getting to know the 7<sup>th</sup> graders, and are getting ready to say farewell to our 8<sup>th</sup> graders. We are so proud of all that 8<sup>th</sup> grade has accomplished here at Noble Academy and we hope the best for them in the future.

**Middle School (7th and 8th Grade) continued...**

June 8th is our last day of school, graduation, and our end of the year carnival. Graduation will take place at 10:30 in the auditorium. Because it is a half day, there will be time to sign yearbooks, clean up our desks and lockers, and say our goodbyes.

Over the summer, we expect students to continue to read and practice their math skills. Also, we want to encourage students to get outside, make observations, and take a break from technology. We hope that you take the time to enjoy being with family, as we will too! Looking forward to seeing you next year!

Sincerely,

The Middle School Team

**Physical Education**

Hello students and families,

For June, our K – 3 students will continue exploring tag games and invasion games. These games are great ideas for activities over the summer. We will also explore skills such as Lacrosse throw or cup stacking which build on their skills of throwing or hand/eye coordination. Many of these skills are good foundations for many activities and sports which can lead to lifelong wellness. Students are always working on their spatial awareness by recognizing safety in the gym and personal fitness through our daily warm up and other various activities. Building on the skills that we have been learning, the students enjoy playing variations of the game “Capture The Flag”. We are also working on the post assessment where they will be performing basic skills such as, throwing and kicking. The assessment is based on their knowledge of the sequence each skill is broken down to.

During the month of June, students in grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> will be doing their fitness testing and post assessment. Students always enjoy this time of the year because they get to see how much they have grown as a student. They get to see what new activities they have learned as well as see how they have developed with their personal fitness. Although we are busy getting end of the year logistics done, there still is time to partake in activities and games. In May, we look at our favorite units and play and participate in the all-time favorites. This year was an awesome one, we got to develop and enhance our skills in a wide variety of units and also got to learn many new units. And we also did a first ever, middle school ski trip to Hyland Hills. During physical education our main goal is giving students a variety of ways and opportunities to lead active and healthy lifestyles and this year was nothing short of that mission.

**Reminder:** All K – 8 students are expected to wear tennis shoes during gym class. Also our 4th – 8th grade students need to wear the Noble Academy Gym Uniform. Thank you for your cooperation!

Sincerely,

Your Physical Education Teachers

**Hmong Art & Culture**

Dear Families,

I cannot believe the end of the year is approaching soon! We have been busy finishing up all of our previous projects such as our underwater seascape, superhero art, implied texture art, and even a few clay sculptures. In between our projects, we've been also taking our summative tests to show our understanding of art. It has been a pleasure to have had the opportunity to work with the all of our students in kindergarten, first, second, and third grade this year! Have a wonderful and safe summer everyone!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Chang

**Art**

Hello Noble Families!

The end of the school year is here already! The students have been working hard in reviewing all the material we have covered this year and showing off their art knowledge in their summatives. Look for ILPs to come home in the next week or so.

With the end of the year also comes so many celebrations to look forward to! I am so excited about seeing all of our scholars show off their skills in the talent show, celebrate their achievements at graduation, and celebrate the year at carnival! I hope to see many of you there.

This summer, I am extending my summer art challenge once again. Any student who is interested in participating may pick up a form from me. The only requirement for participation is that the student have a sketchbook. I have a few sketchbooks available for those who would otherwise be unable to have one. The challenge is offered to help students stay creative over the summer and to engage them in imaginative problem solving. Last summer, I had fewer entries than prizes, and am really hoping for more participants this summer!

I wish everyone an incredible summer, and look forward to seeing you again next year!

Sincerely,  
Ms. Amanda Wisner

**Hmong Literacy & Culture**

Nyob zoo cov niam txiv thiab Noble Scholars!

For these last couple of weeks, students in each grade level are being assessed on what they learned since the beginning of the school year. We are very proud to say that the majority of students have done well on their post-assessment and they have shown good improvement.

It has been a great year and school will be out in June 8, 2017. We hope that you and your family will have a great and safe summer. Remember to speak Hmong and we will see you next school year.

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Hmong Literacy/Culture Specialists

Mr. Phia Xiong K-3

Mr. Lue Thao 4-8

**Music**

Hello Noble Families,

We are nearing the end of a wonderful school year and I am so proud of all the students.

Kindergarten and 1st grades have been rewarded playing some new music games to help us remember the instruments of the orchestra and the notes of the treble clef staff. One game we play to help remember the instruments of the orchestra is instrument bingo. The students love this game because they have to guess which instrument they are listening to. Sometimes they surprise themselves when they get it right. We also have been playing a game called "Crazy Clef" where the students need to walk to the correct note on the floor staff.

Second and 3rd grades have been making homemade kalimbas. We learned that the kalimba is the westernized version of the African mbira. The students used cardboard, popsicle sticks, and a ton of tape to make their kalimbas. We got a lot of interesting designs and shapes and I think all of the students enjoyed making them.

Thank you for all your support this year. I hope you have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,  
Alex Michenfelder

**Music**

Hello Noble Parents and Guardians,

Wow, it is hard to believe we are wrapping up a year of music. Recently, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students have been learning about the history of how music was recorded and listened to. We looked at vinyl records under a microscope to see the small grooves that make the music! At the end of the unit the students designed their own album cover.

Eighth grade students have been working on the final details of their graduation song. They are going to sound great at the end of the year. Eighth grade students have also been writing their own jingles to advertise a product of their choice.

The Noble band just finished their last concert of the year! They have come a long way since their December concert. I am very proud of their hard work. Thank you to everyone who came out to the concert, it means a lot to the students!

Best,

Mr. Ethan Wightkin

**Special Education**

Greetings Noble Parents,

It has been a great year. The students have all shown growth in their academics. In June, there will be a talent show on June 7th and a carnival on June 8th. As the summer is approaching, we hope you will spend time with families and friends. In addition, we encourage you to read with your children over the summer break.

We enjoy working with your children and sharing in all their successes throughout the year! Please feel free to call us anytime!

Sincerely,

Jenny Yang and Sue Welle

Special Education Teachers