

## Dexter Schools Year-End Events – Celebrating Student Achievement and Saying Goodbye Safely

An international pandemic won't stop Dexter Schools from celebrating the end of another school year! While the buildings are closed, Dexter administration and staff have planned safe, social distancing events to mark their students' accomplishments and say goodbye in person (from at least 6 feet away). Going above and beyond these past months to continue education virtually, Dexter teachers have worked tirelessly to ensure their students remain connected with both their teacher and their peers.

Traditional end of year events – Wylie Warnival, Anchor Summer Fest, Mill Creek 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Salute, Beacon 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Clap Out, Creekside Cruise and many milestone events at the High School – are on sabbatical this year, but each building has developed an alternative to safely say goodbye to their students:

### ANCHOR ELEMENTARY

The Anchor staff is dearly missing our students and we want to have one last chance to see our wonderful students and family. So, on **Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.** we will be having an all-school parade. The Anchor staff will be physically distanced along the sidewalks and families will drive by and wave from the vehicles. More information will be provided to Anchor families including a map of the parade route, expectations and staggered start times for all Anchor classes. We are looking forward to seeing your smiling faces one last time!

### BEACON ELEMENTARY

Beacon's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Clap Out is a beloved celebration of our 2nd grade families as they finish their time at Beacon. Student and staff line the hall while parents, siblings and families form a path on the playground. The 2nd graders then parade around by classroom and are met with loud applause. It's such a wonderful tradition. While we will not have the same event this year, the staff at Beacon has created a drive-through version this event which will take place from **4:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.**

### WYLIE ELEMENTARY

Wylie End-of-Year Parade will be held **Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** in the Bus Loop (FYI - Grand St. is currently closed). Rain date is Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> (same time).

Wylie staff members would love to see you! Due to social distancing, we'll need to virtual hugs and stay separated. Please plan to stay in your cars and keep the parade rolling.

### CREEKSIDE INTERMEDIATE

We would like to honor our 6<sup>th</sup> grade class with a Creekside Cruise-Bye parade on **Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** Decorate your car, pack some snacks and let us give you the send-off you deserve. We encourage you to "Cruise-Bye" Creekside during your homeroom's scheduled time to help with traffic (map and schedule sent to 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents). Cruise ship attire encouraged!

### MILL CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

We would like to take this opportunity to invite 8th grade parents to Salute to the Class of 2024, an event celebrating your son/daughter's graduation from the eighth grade. When the normal structure and cadence of our lives is in turmoil, it's all the more important to mark milestones along the way. As much as we would have loved to hold our traditional Salute Night ceremony, circumstances required a more creative approach.

This year's celebration will be a vehicle procession held from **6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 11** in front of Dexter High School. Teachers and administrators will be there to cheer on our 8th graders, and to distribute certificates. To maintain everyone's safety, we'll ask that students and families remain in their cars during the event. Details on the logistics of the event will be sent out to 8<sup>th</sup> grade families closer to June 11<sup>th</sup>.

### DEXTER HIGH SCHOOL

#### ***DHS Honors Night***

The Class of 2020 Honors Convocation was held via Zoom on Thursday, May 28th at 7:00 p.m. Due to the restrictions we are under, the program proceeded in the following fashion: Parents signed in to the Honors Convocation ceremony via Zoom; the usual school officials spoke; the Most Influential Teachers were recognized by their students; the DHS administration read the names of the honorees as slides were presented about each student. The entire program was recorded, and packets of awards were made available on Friday, May 29th for parents to pick up. [Click here](#) for a slideshow of the honors presented. [Click here](#) for the event video.

#### ***Senior Processional (Parent-driven event)***

On Sunday, May 31, the original day for commencement, graduates and their family members participated in a senior vehicle procession. Seniors were encouraged to wear their caps and gowns, paint their vehicle windows, tie balloons, or streamers on their vehicle, make signs, celebrate, and have fun! [Click here](#) to view the video from the event.

#### ***Commencement***

**Commencement will be July 12<sup>th</sup>** at Al Ritt stadium. The time and other details are still being determined.