Dear Families,

This has certainly been a semester we will never forget. It is hard to believe that we finished the end of the year remotely. From your weekly engagement through Google Classroom to working with your children through learning packets, you made this work possible. Thank you for your partnership as we worked together to create meaningful learning opportunities and experiences for your students.

As we head into summer break, we have a few reminders for you:

1. If you have not done so already, please complete your Intent to Return packets. Thanks to all of you who have done so already. We are excited about your commitment and are ready to begin planning for the upcoming school year. Don’t forget to refer family and friends who are looking for a great school for their children. Please take a moment and fill out our referral form here.

2. We are working to finalize all end of year grades. You can expect to receive final report cards in the mail by Friday, June 5th.

3. KIPP New Orleans Schools will be offering a virtual voluntary summer school for Kindergarten through 8th grade students. Families looking for additional academic enrichment are encouraged to fill out this form to sign up! Virtual summer school will operate from June 1st – June 19th. Deadline to apply is today, May 22nd.

4. Throughout the summer, KIPP New Orleans Schools community feeding sites located at KIPP Morial and KIPP Central City Academy will continue their same operating schedule excluding holidays. On Mondays, we will provide meals for two days. On Wednesdays, we will provide meals for three days. Community feeding sites will not be open on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. Service hours will continue from 9am to 12pm. NOTE: Due to the Memorial Day holiday, we will provide meals on May 22nd and May 27th.

5. If you received a laptop and/or hot spot, please return this technology to your school on Tuesday, June 2nd from 9am to 3pm. If your student is attending summer school, you do not need to return this technology until summer school ends. If you are unable to drop off during the set time, please drop off this week or coordinate a time with your school that works for you.

6. Also, please be aware that all school buildings will be closed next week.

7. Lastly, thank you for taking time to complete the parent survey on distance learning. Your feedback is incredibly valuable to our planning for next year.

While we may not have been able to do our traditional end of the year events, we hope you have enjoyed the many celebrations across our network. Check out these incredible pictures of scholars being celebrated!
Special shout out to the high school graduating class of 2020! You will forever be remembered for adapting quickly & astutely to learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are unbelievably proud of these senior classes for earning over $10 million in merit-based scholarships! Their success is a true reflection of their hard work and we look forward to all of the wonderful things they will achieve in the future.

As our teachers prepare for a few weeks off and a much-deserved break, please know that many of us are still hard at work planning for our return to school in August. While there are many unknowns and we continue to await further state and city guidance, we have begun planning for a variety of scenarios. All scenarios will prioritize the health and safety of our students, families and staff. As the summer months progress and more information becomes available, we will provide you with regular updates regarding the beginning of school. We strongly encourage you to connect with us on all social media platforms; follow us on Instagram (@KIPPNewOrleans) & Twitter (@KIPPNO) and like us on Facebook (Facebook.com/KIPPNewOrleans).

Finally, our thoughts and prayers continue to go out to each and every one of our team and family who have been directly impacted by COVID-19. We pray for health, safety, and recovery for all.

Have a wonderful summer break,
Rhonda