



A LETTER TO OUR AMAZING STUDENTS

You should be incredibly proud of your accomplishments this school year. Amid a global crisis, you demonstrated strength and resilience. Maybe some math concepts or formulas got lost in distance learning. Maybe some grammatical skills or facts about ancient Egypt fell by the wayside. Other skills you mastered are far more valuable and significant. Let's review some of those lessons learned.

You learned to adapt. In an instant, everything you counted on, every routine you knew disappeared. You needed to rethink, rework, reset every pattern in your life. You saw that although change can be uncomfortable, it is necessary and sometimes forced upon us. You proved you can navigate this change and dodge the tennis balls of life that sometimes come flying at us at a dizzying pace. You adapted to your new world quickly and gracefully.

You practiced time-management. You shifted from being told six times a day by six different teachers in six different subjects how and when to do your work, to a system that flung a cauldron of assignments to you at once. You did it! You analyzed what to prioritize and what to postpone. You discovered that if you do all your assignments on Monday, you were freed up the rest of the week. Or you could spread out your tasks and more evenly distribute your free time. The point is, you did what worked best for you. And you did it well!

You exercised self-discipline. You knew that nobody was going to do the work for you. Nobody would stop you from daydreaming. Nobody would tell you when to stop chit-chatting, or take out a piece of paper or sharpen your pencil. You accomplished your tasks by monitoring your own behaviors.

You demonstrated independence. See all of the above.

You mastered resilience. Despite hardship and uncertainty, you sought ways to overcome obstacles. Some of you experienced gut-wrenching pain; others, mild inconveniences. Either way, you learned the importance of pushing through. You knew you could not lie down. To succeed you had to charge forward even if you were uncertain where that would lead. And you didn't just survive...you thrived!

Congratulations to every student on his/her exceptional success this year. In our opinion, every one of you earned straight As.

Your Proud Administrators,
Mr. Murray, Ms. Birke, Mr. Greenfield, and Ms. Ortiz