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"Bulldog...It's more than our mascot; it's our character"

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Dear Bulldog Families,

It's great to have a Spring Break and finally be able to, somewhat, take a break from the grind that has been the last four weeks. Hopefully, you're able to spend some time together as a family, and through social distancing, all are healthy. Mr. Anderson of Whitman, Ms. Rose of Birches, and I have been working on a coordinated effort this spring break because we miss our students and miss them a lot.

To combat this lost feeling our teachers have expressed, each principal has scheduled a "neighborhood drive through," and each of us will be sending out correspondence to families regarding the route we plan to follow as we drive through the Whitman and Birches areas to wave and say hello to the Bulldogs. On Tuesday (4/14/20) at approximately 1pm, we will begin driving our caravan through the streets! Since the Bunker Hill, Whitman, and Birches areas are so spread out, there are two things to note. First, we will be doing this for a couple of hours so it will be impossible for us to give a specific time when we're coming down each street. Second, as Mr. Anderson reiterated in a similar correspondence to the Whitman community, "logistically, we simply cannot come down every single street, unfortunately. Therefore, we plan to provide you with an itinerary citing the individual roads and streets we will travel." Our plan is to send this out in a separate, follow-up email to you, and our hope is that our routes coincide with the routes of Whitman and Birches Elementary Schools. We will also do our best to post the footage on social media.

So, a couple of very, very important reminders.

- We have vetted this with Washington Township Police, District administration, and our School Officer (Officer Hamilton), and they are aware of our plans and have informed us of the precautions we need to take.
- All staff will be wearing masks per the mandate of the executive order from the governor, and no one will be getting out of their cars as we feel social distancing is essential.
- Per the executive order, it is highly recommended that families wear masks as well.
- Families should be very aware of social distancing and remain 6 or more feet apart from neighbors and friends at all times. Please take these precautions to be safe.
- Not all teachers/staff will be able to join us as proximity and family situations may not permit their travel. Please know even in their absence, they are thinking of you and care deeply for you.
- Also we may not be able to see all families. I know that Mr. Dacquisto and Mrs. Homolash have something planned for their students.
- Due to traffic, we may be a little spread out. We will do our best to remain as connected in the caravan as possible.

I hope you find this experience meaningful. I know my staff will; we certainly miss you and your children.

Sincerely,

Mike D'Ostilio