



May 2016

Dear East Hills School Family,

“When will I get there?” “One day you will get there!” “It will happen, you will get there!”

Have you ever thought about the different meanings for the word there? Well, a look in the dictionary reminds us that the word *there* has many meanings, depending on the part of speech used: *in or to that place, in or to a place that you are looking at or pointing to, at a particular point in a series of events, in a speech, or in a story.*

You may wonder, why am I pondering over the word? Well, it’s simple, very often we use it to identify a time when we will achieve a task, complete a goal, reach a turning point. Oftentimes, we seem to be looking ahead, thinking about the future, the when’s, how’s, why’s. As we look at the beautiful mosaic that surrounds us during the month of May, it reminds us of the importance of looking closely at the beauty that surrounds us and maybe, just maybe, thinking about the now, the present, the moments.

Our May Book of the Month, *There*, written by Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick, is a beautifully written and illustrated picture book that is told in questions perfectly captures both the uncertainty and surprising determination of children. It is a book about growing up, and a young girl who thinks deeply about what might or might not lie in store for her.

“Carrying a large satchel, the eager girl strides down a sidewalk as she asks, “When will I get There?” Her innocent questions take her over hills, through daisy fields and up into rainy skies. The full-page, softly rendered landscapes dwarf the inquisitive narrator, who wants to know, “Will I wear sensible shoes and say sensible things? Will I never say anything silly again?”

I know that each time I read this text, it inspires me to appreciate the minute moments of each day: whether it be on the drive to school, walking into the building, the chit chat among our wonderful children as well as the quiet moments when all is still. I hope it does the same for our children and staff as they read it as well.

The month of May brings the sanguine sounds within the walls of East Hills School as well. Our Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade students have been busy rehearsing for their upcoming concerts. We look forward to each of these events where we will hear, first hand, their musical accomplishments:

Grade Three Concert – June 3rd at 9:30 a.m. in the East Hills Gymnasium

Grade Four Concert - June 10th at 9:30 a.m. in the East Hills Gymnasium

Grade Five Concert - June 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium

Wishing you all a wonderful month! Happy Mother’s Day to all!

Fondly,
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