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Greetings Parents/Guardians!

As we close out the 2019-2020 scholastic year, I'd like to take the opportunity to reflect and recognize the enduring efforts that you, your students and the entirety of the Conwell community have committed toward elevating educational values above the incredible challenges we've faced in the latter half of the year.

Although we may have been separated by distance, I am grateful to the students and families who used various technologies to maintain our communication.

My expectations for remote learning were not only met but exceeded with much gratitude to the students who helped me develop our Social Studies virtual learning environment. I was impressed by how adept the students were at using online resources to show their participation, such as the collaborative analysis of various text through real-time comments and replies using Google Docs.

Within the virtual classroom itself, via Google Meet, I sincerely appreciated that the students welcomed the virtual extension of our classroom culture, adapting Class Dojo points for weekly Cougar Celebrations, as well as recognizing the class officers whose daily aid demonstrated qualities of student-leadership.

Finally, it was a pleasure exploring cultures and history from around the world with the students. I encourage the students to go back to the Social Studies Packets on Google Classroom and dive deeper into the cultures that we've covered by further history research and reading contemporary news articles about them. I will also be happy to read and provide feedback for students who still wish to submit their "How Conwell Got Its PAWS" creation myth.

I will leave on my Class Dojo push notifications throughout the summer, and provide any district or school disseminated information through intermittent Dojo updates.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me on Class Dojo, at my Google Voice number at 267-293-9853 (text preferred) or by e-mail at gdungan@philasd.org.

Thank you, and I hope you and your families have a happy and safe summer!

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