Greetings 8th Grade Green Acres Parents,

As you know, our traditional promotion ceremony has been cancelled for this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to celebrate our 8th graders we will be having an online “virtual” ceremony where all 8th grade students will be recognized. In addition, we will be offering a drive-through for students to pick up their program, certificate, yearbook (if ordered), and any awards they may have earned. We have some specific guidelines for the drive through that I would like to cover. These guidelines are intended to assure that our students and staff are safe and that traffic flows smoothly with the least amount of back up and waiting for families.

- The drive through will start at 8:00 a.m. and end at 11:00 a.m. on Friday June 5th.
- The drive begins at the Houston Avenue entrance to the Murphy Center and exits at Mooney Blvd.
- Please come during your scheduled “alpha” time so that traffic is not backed up. This will ensure that all families are served in a timely manner with not too much wait time.

Promotion Folder Pick-Up Times Friday June 5th:
A-B: 8:00am-8:30am  
C-E: 8:30am-9:00am  
F-K: 9:00am-9:30am  
L-N: 9:30am-10:00am  
O-R: 10:00am-10:30am  
S-Z: 10:30am-11:00am

Here are some IMPORTANT guidelines:
- Only regular vehicles will be permitted. We cannot accommodate limos, trucks or vehicles towing trailers, or any vehicle over 22 feet in length with more than 2 axles. You will not be able to enter the drive through area and will be directed to stay on the street. Should you arrive in a vehicle that we cannot allow through the drive through, only the student can walk to where we are giving our certificates and pick up the promotion packet.
- Only ONE vehicle per student can go through the drive through to pick up items.
- If your student is walking to the event, he or she will be able to walk to pick up the promotion packet but we cannot allow any other persons in that area.
- Parents and students are NOT allowed to exit the vehicles. This is very important in order to keep our staff and students safe and to keep traffic from backing up on the streets.
- The promotion video will be posted at 7:00am on the Green Acres & VUSD websites.

I want our families to know that our most important goal is to ensure safety for students, families, and Green Acres staff. I know this has been an overwhelming time for all of us and we are truly heartbroken that we could not finish up this school year with a traditional ceremony for our 8th graders. The staff at Green Acres will truly miss your student but we hope that the online ceremony and drive through to pick up items will be a time for celebration while ensuring the safety of all of our families and staff. We really appreciate your cooperation and support during this time. If you have any concerns or needs, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at chawkins@vusd.org or call the office for support. Thank you for allowing the Green Acres staff to play a role in helping your student grow over the past two years. We look forward to seeing everyone on June 5th.

Sincerely,
Carli Hawkins
Green Acres Principal