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Dear Japhet Families and Friends,

As we all continue to adapt and adjust to social distancing and distance learning, I'm reminded that although our areas of learning and work have changed, there is still such joy, beauty and growth in our surroundings. Our homes have become the hub of activity, including students' learning, parents' worktime, and the enjoyment of leisure activities. Just yesterday, as I looked out my home office window, I noticed a squirrel had decided to perch on my flower pot to enjoy his treasured meal. This gave me pause...time to express thanks for the beautiful view, the flowers, the birds singing, and the squirrel. Time to be quiet and be thankful for the continued efforts of our Japhet teachers and staff, parents, and students. I've witnessed such resourcefulness, courage, compassion, gratitude, initiative, and resiliency.

With the month of May, comes the planning of some very special Japhet traditions -- Spring Sharing and Japhet's Graduation Ceremony. Mrs. Stecker has already shared a preview of Spring Sharing plans: a story students' are writing collaboratively. And what's more, in the next days information will be shared regarding our virtual Graduation Ceremony. Stay tuned for some terrific details!

At this time of year, when there is a lot of news about graduation ceremonies, I'd like to share one of my favorite quotes from Mr. Fred Rogers: "Let's just take ten seconds to think of some of those people who have loved us and wanted what was best for us in life -- those who have encouraged us to become who we are. No matter where they are -- imagine how pleased those people must be to know that you thought of them right now." It's a great reminder for all of us!

Thank you for being a member of the Japhet Community!

Most sincerely,

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