

A special note to parents about the importance of school attendance at the end of the year.

As we head down the home stretch of the 2014-2015 school year, I wanted to remind you that even when the EOG's are over, learning goes on at Providence Spring until the last day of school. In fact, some of our most significant educational experiences occur right here at the end of the year, experiences which cannot be duplicated by reading a textbook or by answering questions. "What type of experiences" our parents new to the school may ask. Just look at a sampling of the opportunities which will continue to engage your child in learning.

-**The annual Celebration of Nations** – a culminating school-wide event showcasing the research about and the music, dress and dances of the year-long study each class has worked on so hard.

-**Socratic seminars** – round table discussions of complex texts. Your children do an impressive job of expressing very sophisticated ideas.

-**End of year class academic presentations.**

-**Visitations in the next years' classes** with discussions of upcoming expectations.

-**A thorough review of the summer assignments** and how they will be graded next year.

-Yearbook signings and **curriculum based end of year events.**

In addition, our children watch and model after all of us here at the end of the year. We repeatedly remind them to stick with a task or a project until its completion and we want them to see that we "walk the walk" as well as "talk the talk."

In addition, grades on projects and class assignments and tests are given each day through the end of the year.

These last few days are important here at PSE. We don't show movies or waste time as we have heard schools in other systems often do. Our teachers make every minute count, so please make sure that your child is here to participate in each experience which is so thoughtfully planned. The end of school at PSE... there's nothing quite like it and it is truly special when each Rocket can take part and make the unique contributions which add such value to the total school community.

**Thanks for being the dedicated partner you are.**

-Diane Adams