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Dear Sherman Community Members;

The Sherman spirit and enthusiasm was very present at the RTM meeting last night! Your commitment and support of the BOE budget is amazing and an example for the entire town. The unfortunate vote left an additional $500,000.00 cut to the budget. The BOE meets tonight and votes on cuts May 20th. I know that you will be there fighting the fight for our students!

I am so proud to say that I am the principal of this fine school, you not only talk the talk, you walk the walk and set a fine example of what good citizenship is for your children!

May is a busy month for all of us with communions, Mother’s Day, spring sports, and lots and lots of school and PTA activities! Here are some of the highlights for the month:

* May 5 – 9 is Teacher Appreciation Week! Thank you for the beautifully decorated doors!
* PTA meeting May 7th, 9:00 a.m.
* DARE graduation, 2:00
* Spring Concert, May 13th at 7:00 p.m.
* Kindergarten visitation, May 14th and 21st
* Art Show, May 16th, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
* May 19 – 23, Book Fair in the gym
* May 20th BOE vote and Superintendent’s Award presentation to Suzanna Weber, 5T.
* May 22nd, Math Night and Girl’s Night Out at Coco Nails
* May 23rd , Special Person’s Day, 9:15 on the blacktop and field
* May 29th, Blue Fish Game!
* May 31st, Beach Bash, Parent/Teacher party!

I have some teacher retirements to announce. Mrs. Jenifer Aikman, a longtime language arts consultant and teacher will be retiring after 13 years of service to Sherman School. Alice Hine, 2nd grade, a dedicated teacher with 46 years of service to the Sherman community will also be stepping down this year. Susan Knox, our MST teacher and former classroom teacher will also be retiring after 20 years of service to the Sherman community. Our school will miss these dedicated professionals who have given so much to our students and families over their year here at Sherman. Please join me in wishing them well as they enter the next chapter of their life!

Here at Sherman we are using a *Sammy Knowledge Meter* to help students think about their learning as they rate their understanding of the lessons as they are presented. You may also see more use of checklists and rubrics to help define excellence. We encourage you to ask your child about how these items are helping them feel successful and motivated in class. I have attached a copy of the knowledge meter for you to see and use at home.

We have received an award from the State Department of Education and the Department of Treasury for our participation in the CHET Dream Big essay contest. Our school was one of the top 20 schools in the state for participation.

Do you have an awesome Anniversary celebration picture that you want to share? Please send your pictures to me for consideration. We are adding to our wall of history and including our 50/100th celebration event.

Enjoy the FINALLY warming weather! I know that I will see you at some of the afore mentioned events.

Until next time…..happy days!

Warmly,

Eileen