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Farewell Letter From Your Editor

Kynsley Penny

This school year has been crazy, wonderful, and full of memories. Some of my favorite memories are going to perform at Disney, being elected as editor-in-chief for the school newspaper, spending time with my friends, and making new friends that I am going to miss. Being a part of the newspaper for the past two years has been amazing, and I would not change it. Newspaper club has allowed me to write about what I love from Kynsley's Kitchen to my military life. This school year has gone by so fast. As many of DeLaura's eighth graders graduate on to Satellite and the others head to Viera, students are going to miss their friends and teachers. Due to Covid-19, many of us will not be able to say goodbye to teachers and friends. However, for our last issue of the year, we tried to focus on our eighth graders with quotes from students, teacher farewell messages, and summer ideas. Summer is only six days away, and we can not wait to be able to step away from the computer, get out of the house, and have fun. I hope you all have an amazing, safe, and fun summer. Goodbye Scotties, and farewell to the school year!

Thoughts from 8th Graders

Scottie Sunrise Staff

Our Scottie 8th graders are moving on to high school. We reached out to a few of them and asked some of the following questions: What high school will you be attending? What was a favorite memory from DeLaura? What are you most looking forward to about high school? What will you miss most about DeLaura? Check out what they had to say:

-“My favorite memory this year was the chorus field trips.”- **Taegan J.**

-“I am looking forward to being with my friends from other schools.”- **Anna R.**

-“I am looking forward to going to homecoming and prom.”- **Carlissa C.**

-“My favorite memory is spirit week.”- **Summer H.**

-“I am attending Satellite and my favorite memory from DeLaura is the science research bus trips and board night.”- **Josh T.**

-“I am going to Satellite and I'm most excited to have lockers.”- **Elora S.**

-“I am going to Satellite and my favorite memory from DeLaura was playing our first note in band.”- **Taylor G.**

-“I'll be going to Satellite, and my favorite memory was when me and my friends in seventh grade social studies started a really dumb debate. I hope in high school I get a girlfriend and have good grades. Imma miss Tallyha and my sevie friends.”- **Caitlyn R.**

-“I am attending Satellite and my favorite memory was cooking in culinary.”- **Anna B.**

-“I am going to Satellite and my favorite memory was DeLaura spirit week. It was fun to dress up in silly costumes with my friends.”- **Kate G.**

A Message to our 8th Graders

Collected by Tahlia Szoke

This was not the end of the year that we had planned... Yearbooks will not be signed and we won't have the opportunity to say goodbye. However, our 8th graders are about to begin the next chapter- high school. In order to wish them farewell, we collected wishes and words of wisdom from teachers and administrators. 8th graders, as you read through the

following messages addressed to you, know that everyone at DeLaura will miss your smiling face around campus next year!

- “8th Graders, what an interesting finish to the year- but you did it! This moment in history is definitely one that you will remember. As you grow, you will share your experiences during this time with the younger generation. Middle school is a difficult transitional period as you manage switching schools, find different peer groups, start new interests, and embrace discovered talents. I hope that each of you leave this school knowing that there was at least ONE adult on campus who cared for you and championed for your success each day. The skills you learned as a Scottie will help you navigate high school and send you on the trajectory for college and career success. I am amazed at the talented group we had this year, and I am saddened that we did not get to spend the last 9 weeks together on our campus to experience those end of the year milestones. I am certain that I will be seeing and reading about your accomplishments in the future as you grow into successful high school students and then productive adults in our global society. It has been an honor to be your Principal these two years and I wish you all the best of luck in the future. Remember, Once a Scottie, Always a Scottie!” -**Mr. LeBrun** (Principal)

-“Winston Churchill stated, ‘Success is not final, failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts.’” - **Ms. Smith**

-“I wish you nothing but the best! Like I always say, you will love high school! Embrace all of the fun times and activities! Make good choices!” -**Ms. Evans**

-“Keep working hard during high school! You are amazing and can accomplish

great things! Stay healthy and keep cooking!” -**Ms. Dixon**

-“Eighth Graders, this is a year we will all remember! I wish we could say goodbye properly, but until then I am here if you need me...through email and Google text. Keep reading, writing, and learning new things. You will go far and I look forward to hearing about your successes. You made it through the 2020 school year; YOU ROCK! My thoughts and best wishes are with you. P.S. Don't forget to refer to the text! :)” -**Ms. Skinner**

-“Eighth graders, I am so proud of the work you have put into this school year. “The next great adventure awaits. Best of luck!” -**Ms. Harkens**

“I could never envision that we would end the year this way. I dislike that I cannot say goodbye in person. I mean it when I say I will remember you and all the science we did this year. Stay safe, be kind and remember to WASH YOUR HANDS! “ -**Ms. Westcott**

“Congratulations to all DeLaura 8th graders heading to high school next year! I know this has been a tumultuous school year and a roller coaster ride with distance learning, quarantining, and social distancing. Just know that you persevered through this, and it has made you stronger and ready to face anything that life throws your way. I’m sorry we didn’t get to say goodbye in person, but you can always come back to say hello next year. I wish you all the best as you transition to high school... you got this! Have a great summer!” -**Ms. Swinehart**

“I wish you all a good high school experience. I know great things are in store for your future!” -**Mr. Moorman**

“The first and last day of school are always the most difficult for a teacher. Thank you so much for making every day in between so wonderful! Best wishes for an amazing future and always

remember... I believe in you!” -**Ms. Twadell**

“You have certainly been through an unexpected, interesting last few months of your 8th grade year. But now you are ready for anything!! Good luck to all of you as you enter high school. Reach high and catch your dreams.” -**Ms. Austin**

“I am sorry that I couldn't experience gradventure with the class of 2020. You've already shown that you can rise above hardship. Good luck with high school DeLaura class of 2020!” -**Ms. Baltimore**

“As you leave us and go on to the rest of your lives, remember this: Always question, Always wonder. Science Rocks! Good luck to you.” -**Ms. Oswalt**

“Be impressive and inspire others in everything you do.” -**Ms. Rower**

“This has been such a challenging last nine weeks for everyone, but so many of you have done such a wonderful job working at home. I miss seeing you all in my classes or the halls more than you could imagine. I teach science because I love the hands on and making it fun, but that was a little more difficult this 9 weeks. Now that you all survived 7 classes on-line in this crazy situation you can survive anything! You all have been such troopers without complaining and working so diligently. I wish you all the luck in your future endeavours but have faith that you will be successful. I will miss you terribly and am so sad we don't get to say goodbye.” -**Ms. Stewart**

“Good luck 8th graders! Congratulations on your graduation. I know you'll do great in high school and best wishes for your future.” -**Ms. Pozgar**

“ ‘Wherever you are, be all there!’ – Jim ElliotWell. You are almost in high school: Focus, work hard, believe in yourself.

Know that I am so proud of you!” -**Ms. Bryant**

“I am so disappointed that our time together was cut short! It was a pleasure being your teacher and I wish you all the very best as you begin your next adventure! Be brave, and work hard!” -**Ms. Canter**

“To all my 8th grade band students, thank you for allowing me to be your band director these last two years. I’m sorry we couldn’t have a final concert to celebrate all of your accomplishments, but please know that I wish only the best for you as you move on to high school. Keep playing!” - **Ms. Curran**

“In the immortal words of Dr. Seuss: ‘Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don’t matter and those who matter don’t mind.’ Best of luck in high school - once a Scottie, always a Scottie!”-**Ms. Warthen**

“Congratulations on making it through eighth grade! I wish you the best of luck in all of your endeavors. I know that you will all thrive as you move into high school and we will miss you at DeLaura.” -**Ms. Wetzel**

“Your future is bright! Be kind, do good, and be conscious of life’s treasures. Keep shining your light!” -**Ms. Kidd**

“Your entire life can really change in a year... You just gotta love yourself enough to know you deserve more. Be brave enough to demand more, and disciplined enough to actually work for more.’-Unknown. Best of luck to all!” -**Ms. Lewis**

“Dear 8th Graders, although ending far differently than anticipated, 8th graders knew 2020 was bound to be memorable and special! As you finish this stage of your education and life experience, I congratulate you and wish you many

happy, fulfilling days ahead.” -**Ms. Jones**

“Dear Eighth Grade Students, it was a pleasure to teach you when you came to me as seventh graders, and now, you are heading to high school already! I thoroughly enjoyed seeing my former students in the hallways, and the effusive greetings that came with that! Best to all as you make the journey to high school!” -**Ms. Wells**

“You were “mine” for a short time. You now must go, but always know I wish you the best and years of success!” -**Ms. Rickett**

“You’ll be amazed at what you’ll start to attract once you believe in yourself. The best is yet to come, 8th graders!”-**Ms. Moore**

“Good luck! I wish you the best! As Mahatma Gandhi said, ‘Be the CHANGE that you wish to see in the world.’ You are capable of anything! I look forward to hearing about your future successes! Stay active, healthy, and safe!” -**Coach Bruno**

“Goodbye Scotties- I’ve enjoyed having the pleasure to teach each and everyone of you this year. It’s a school year we’ll never forget. I am saddened by the fact that my second semester classes never had the chance to complete their CO2 cars. I urge you all to be smart and stay safe! Good luck in all your future endeavors. Remember, once a Scottie always a Scottie.” -**Mr. Bonar**

“I have missed you for the last 9 weeks. I hope you continue to work hard, have fun, and follow your dreams. Remember that you can do ANYTHING as long as you take one step at a time! I hope to see you all again really soon, and keep singing!” -**Ms. Benincasa**

“It was such a pleasure to work with many of you this year through a few

different classes, and I think this quote fits with our time together. I wish you all the best in your future academics and career with whatever you choose to become! As you enter your new year as a “small fish in the big pond,” remember the time you spent being brave and what you learned from those moments. You all have the potential to do something great in your life, just remember, you are the one that drives that force, and it starts now! Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your lives!” -**Ms. Kamlet**

“Dear students, I miss all of you so much! I miss your hopeful, energetic face expressions, your enthusiasm, and passion for being creative in art. I wanted to take the time to thank you for all your creative energy in every art piece that you have created. The inspirations that many of you have given me throughout the school year have been incredible! I wish you all the BEST in life. Remember K.F.A.C.E.U. (the 6 stages in being a successful artist as well as in anything) and ‘Imagination is more important than knowledge.’ Albert Einstein.” -**Ms. Rogers**

Tips for Success in High School

Kaitlynn Brown

8th graders, are you ready for high school? After two years of middle school, you’ve learned a lot to prepare you for 9th grade. Check out the list below and remember these tips on your first day of high school!

- 1) Make sure to write down all of your homework so that you don’t forget it.
- 2) While studying for a certain subject, pretend that you will have to teach the subject.
- 3) Studying hard for 30 to 50 minutes at a time with 10 minute breaks in between is the most effective way to study.
- 4) Eating chocolate while studying will help the brain retain information easily.
- 5) Writing something out is equivalent to reading it 7 times.

6) Don't procrastinate, always do your work the day you get it.
Best of luck in high school, 8th grade Scotties!

Tips for New 8th Graders

Kynsley Penney

7th graders, you are now the big kids on campus. Even though some may think seventh and eighth grade are the same, there are still differences. You have to learn to be more responsible and productive but still have fun. You are only young once. See below for tips for our graduating 7th graders.

- 1) Be responsible- all the new seventh graders look up to you. You can not be running in the hallway screaming.
- 2) Teachers will expect you to turn things in on time and do your work. Teachers will constantly remind you: you are going to high school soon! They are just trying to prepare you. While some may get annoyed with these constant reminders, it is so true. The year will go by fast.
- 3) Study when you can. Whether it is a small quiz or a big test, it is best to not take chances and study.
- 4) Reading counts is still important. Just like last year, this counts for a big part of your grade at the end of the term. Even if you do not like reading, try and find a book you are interested in and still get a lot of points.

I know you will do great as you step into the role of 8th graders!

History Hunt: Jeopardy!

Gideon Pike

The theme, the questions, the classics, and a very famous host... All part of America's favorite game show, "Jeopardy!"

For those who don't know, "Jeopardy" is a classic American game show where people answer trivia to earn money. Recently, a teacher from our very own DeLaura Middle School was selected to compete on the show. See our article "Teacher Spotlight" for more

information. And since I'm the history guy, we are going to talk about the history of Jeopardy!

The creator of the show, Merv Griffin, was flying home to New York City with his wife when Mrs. Griffin came up with the idea of a game show. The premise: three contestants that had to answer a certain set of questions with only one hint. Mrs. Griffin noticed that America was lacking a successful question and answer game show and brainstormed a solution. Small changes were made to the plan... Instead of the contestants receiving a question, they had to create the question. For example, the host would say, "5,280 feet" and the contestant would have to say: "How many feet are in a mile?" Mr. Griffin thought his wife's plan was so good that the second he got home, he went to NBC with the idea. His idea was that there would be a 10 x 10 board with 10 categories and 10 questions. Later, this had to be reduced to a 5 x 6 board- because who wants to answer 100 questions on a game show? The show's host has changed throughout the history of Jeopardy! It was originally hosted by a man named Art Fleming, then Don Pardo served as the announcer. When Don Pardo announced his retirement, John Harlan took over the duties. Then in 1984, we got a man who everybody loves. His voice is recognized across the country. Alex Trebek is the current reigning host. Alex Trebek is currently fighting stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer. However, Trebek is still the fearless leader of the show- entertaining millions as the host of America's favorite game show, Jeopardy!

Teacher Spotlight

Laura Grascia

DeLaura Middle School is very proud to announce that Ms. Baltimore had the incredible opportunity to participate in the Jeopardy! game show. **The game will be aired on ABC Monday, May 25 at 7pm.** I had the opportunity to interview Ms. Baltimore via email. We

are very proud of her and wanted to know about her amazing experience. Ms. Baltimore, on behalf of the Scottie Sunrise and DeLaura Middle School, we want to say thank you for representing us!

What made you decide to go on the show?

I've always been good at trivia. Because of this, I felt I would have a decent chance of getting on the show. A lot of my friends and family said I should try as well. I've tried out before. I even got to the second stage once before in 2014, but I didn't get onto the show. I took the online test in January of 2019 and had a face-to-face tryout in June of 2019. And then I didn't get the call until January 2020!

How did you prepare?

I got a lot of fact books from friends and I searched many things on the internet. I also watched a lot of Jeopardy! episodes to see what kind of questions they like. My boyfriend made me a practice buzzer to try to improve my reaction time as well.

What will be your advice for others that may want to be on the show?

Watch the show to get a feel for the topics. Practice quizzes on "Sporcle" or "Trivial Pursuit" or any trivia-based game. I've been playing trivia games since I was a young kid. And don't get discouraged if you don't get a second tryout or a phone call. Try, try again. The worst thing that can happen is you don't get the phone call, so you may as well try. They do an online test to get their first lists of contestants. There's a kids tournament and a high school one as well for anyone hoping to make it before my age!

Viewing Information:

Don't miss Ms. Baltimore's performance. You can watch her compete on TV on **Monday, May 25 at 7:00 PM on ABC.** You don't want to miss this show! I'm sure it'll be Trebek-cellent!

Memorial Day

Kaitlynn Brown

Memorial Day was officially named a holiday in 1971. Many people celebrate Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials. The concept behind Memorial Day has been around for a long time... According to history.com, "The ancient Greeks and Romans held annual days of remembrance for loved ones (including soldiers) each year, festooning their graves with flowers and holding public festivals and feasts in their honor. In Athens, public funerals for fallen soldiers were held after each battle, with the remains of the dead on display for public mourning before a funeral procession took them to their internment in the Kerameikos, one of the city's most prestigious cemeteries." Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day, which was meant to honor all of the soldiers that died in the Civil War. It was legally named Memorial Day in 1967. The founder of Memorial Day is Gen. John A. Logan. Some people may think this is the time you get off from school or celebrate the red, white and blue... However, it is way more than that. This is a time to remember all the heroes who died during combat. This can be a very hard time for some families that have lost a loved one. We all should give our respect by visiting cemeteries and placing flags or flowers on the graves of our fallen heroes, by attending religious services of your choice, or by reaching out to someone who has lost a hero.

Kynsley's Kitchen

Kynsley Penney

This is the last Kynsley's Kitchen... which makes me so sad! I decided to share with you one of my favorite recipes to bring for any summer event. If you love chocolate chip cookies, you will love this dessert. It tastes exactly the same as dipping a cookie in a glass of milk. It is called Cookies and Milk Trifle.

Ingredients:

-1 box of chocolate Chips Ahoy cookies
-1 box of Cool Whip
-Milk

Directions:

1. Take the cookies and dip them in a bowl of milk then place them in the trifle pan.
2. Cover the bottom part of the pan with the cookies. Next top it with Cool Whip.
3. Lastly, keep switching back and forth from cookies to Cool Whip to form layers.
4. Top it off with Cool Whip, crush cookies up and sprinkle on top.
5. Keep refrigerated until it is time to eat.

Spend some time in the kitchen this summer. Keep cooking, Scotties!

Covid-19 Update

Elijah Kelford

Effective last Monday, Florida Executive Order 20-123 outlines the Full Phase 1 of the reopening of The State of Florida, while we are still in the middle of a pandemic. Restaurants are now open for dine in up to 50% capacity as well as stores and gyms. Professional sports are also opened, but they are not allowed to have an audience. Amusement parks and vacation rentals are allowed to open upon approval from the state. People will also be able to attend museums and libraries at half capacity, except if they are closed by local governments. It is still a good idea to socially distance yourself (6 feet apart), avoid touching your face, and wash your hands regularly. Check out <https://www.flgov.com/covid-19-executive-orders/> for more information. Stay safe, Scotties!

Art Challenges for the Summer

Lillian Black

Many artists struggle with art blocks from time to time. Art block is when an artist is lacking creativity and doesn't know what to create next. Luckily there are different art challenges to get the creative gears

turning... Try one of the following the next time you're stuck with a blank piece of paper over the summer:

- 1) Search "Draw This in Your Style"- you search the title of the challenge in Google or Pinterest and pick a picture to redraw in your own style and then post it.
 - 2) 30 day art challenges- these can include Inktober, Huevember, Merimay, and any other challenges you can find online. You can do any of these anytime a year, so you just draw according to a prompt every day or anyday you like.
 - 3) "Mermaid Challenge"- You draw a mermaid based on the following rules: the hair is drawn based on your favorite season (fall=ponytail, winter=hair down, spring=pigtails, summer=curly). Jewelry is added based on where you are from (west=earrings, mid=necklace, east=bracelets, south=ring around tail) Remember art is all about you, so you do you boo!
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Games Without a Screen

Scottie Sunrise Staff

Since we began virtual school, we've had our faces in front of the computer all day. It is really important to get exercise and have fun without a phone, computer or tablet. The Scottie Sunrise Staff have found some fun games for you to do with your family and get away from all of your electronics.

TV Tag- This game is so much fun to play with your family. If you have an older sibling you can get more competitive. It is similar to the traditional game of tag, but when the tagger is about to tag someone that player has to squat and name a tv show. However, you can not repeat the same tv show. If a show is repeated, the player becomes the tagger.

Mancala- This is an ancient game where you try to collect the most stones from a board to try to win. The board and stones can be purchased on Amazon.

Catan is a huge board game in Israel, where the point of the game is to collect 10 points through a variety of different means. It is a civilization building game with the focus on harvesting and trading. It can be purchased on Amazon.

DIY - DIY might be something you do every day... Instead of searching Youtube to find a tutorial, try playing around and experimenting. Try folding up a sheet of paper and making different shaped cuts in it. Make sure to leave a little bit of space between the edges, and don't cut all the way across. You can also try repurposing a cardboard box to be a smaller cardboard box and you can paper mache it and then paint it. There are tons of things you can do with the stuff lying around your house. Be creative!

WAR- This is a fun card game where you split up the cards evenly between two players. At the same time, both players flip over their first card. The higher card wins. The winning player collects the card. You continue to flip your cards until the victor has all the cards.

Board Games- There has to be a board game lying around your house. Think Scrabble, Sorry, Trouble, Monopoly, or Risk... This is the time to grab a board game, some snacks, and your family and spend time together. Add to the competition by making a deal where the loser of the game has to do something for the winner- such as take out the trash or do the dishes.

We hope this gave you some ideas for screenless entertainment this summer!

Dungeons and Dragons

Caroline Hall

In addition to the games mentioned in the above article, there is another game that is becoming popular...

What is Dungeons and Dragons, DnD, or D&D? D&D is a fantasy role-play game. It was popular among teenagers in the 1970s-80s. It slowly lost its popularity,

but has recently regained it. I, personally, caught wind of it from the television show "Stranger Things."

How do I play D&D? To play D&D, you will need a party, or guild, of four or more players. You'll also need dice of many kinds for you and your fellow party members. For the best experience of D&D, an experienced DM, or Dungeon Master, should be in place.

What is the role of a DM? The Dungeon Master creates some of the rules and plans the story. The DM acts as an interactive narrator.

How do I become a DM? You have to know the rules of D&D. There are 800 pages of rules, but don't let that scare you. You'll only need to understand the basics of the rules. You can also make your own. The most important part of being a DM is writing stories. If you don't enjoy writing, I'm not sure a DM is a fitting position for you. But, DMs aren't the only fun part of D&D. If you aren't the DM, you're playing a role-play character of your making. There are classes, races, and powers for you to choose from. Get creative and have fun! Your character's job will be to go through the story the DM has written, but you choose what your characters do. The DM will give you situations that you and your party members participate in. You will have a limit though, the dice tell you what happens.

For more information on D&D, visit William Herkewitz, "So You Want To Play Dungeons and Dragons..." I hope this game helps you cure summer's approaching boredom. Have a great summer Scotties!

Summer Countdown

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There are **3** more school days left until summer vacation!

Stay happy and healthy this summer, Scotties!



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