

The JUNE Guidance Corner

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It always seems to be around this time of year that I marvel at the way time works. It's a bit like a time warp. On one hand, it seems that the year just started. I can so clearly remember greeting our new kindergarteners, visiting with our "old" friends in first, second, third and fourth grade. I can remember telling the fifth graders that it would take all year to get ready for middle school and they rolled their eyes (but it did). Some people get frustrated with the oldest children when they now say "This stuff is stupid! I can't wait to get out of this baby school!" Personally, I celebrate when I hear those words. To me, that means that the fifth graders are ready to move on.

Ursula LeGuin once said that: "It is good to have an end to journey towards: but it is the journey that matters, in the end." And so it is. Our kindergarteners are no longer babies; they march confidently from one area of the school to the other, swinging back packs and chatting with their friends. Most of the second graders will be moving upstairs (not a move to be taken lightly). And those mature fifth graders? Well, they'll roll their eyes just like they did in the beginning of the year and do the same thing that they did when they started school six years ago – hug, cry, laugh, wave, and turn their backs to head to middle school, swinging their backpacks and chatting with their friends.

To all of you who are moving on or away, I wish you the best of luck in your journeys. To all of you who stay here with us, have a peaceful, fun filled summer and we'll see you in the fall to enter the time warp again.