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Dear Nock Families,

With the weeks of May quickly passing, it is time to begin planning for our year's end. Although the end to 8th grade is not a graduation, it does mark an important transitional moment. Newburyport is lucky to have several traditions designed to help students reflect upon the completion of middle school and plan for the high school years to come.

There are several Nock traditions for 8th grade students:

- **Celebratory Dance**—a team of parent volunteers are hard at work planning a dance that will take place at the Newburyport Senior Center on June 16 from 8-10PM. This is a semi-formal event for Nock students only. It is a fun time for students to dress up and enjoy the company of their classmates. Please note, your child must be in school all day on June 16th in order to attend the dance that night. Look for more information on the dance in your email and in the form of an invitation your student will bring home.
- **Book Awards**—On June 20th the Nock student community will gather for a celebration of student achievement. Eighth grade teachers (including Exploratory teachers) will present books or gift certificates to Jabberwocky to students who have excelled in their courses. Parents of Book Award winners will be invited to attend. An invitation will come in the mail.
- **Class Day**—on June 21st at 8:45 AM we will celebrate the end of school at a formal class day gathering. Student and adult speakers will share memories and advice, student musicians will perform, and we will present awards to recognize the accomplishments and service of our students. Class day is held in the school gymnasium. Because our seating capacity is limited, we ask each family to limit guests to 4 per family.

We will send more details of these events in the weeks to come—keep an eye out for email news or check our Notices tab on the web site. If you have any questions about the June events, please don't hesitate to give us a call or stop in the office.

Warmly,

Lisa Furlong