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Dear Families,

Weekly Recap – Water System Issue It has been quite a week.

When staff arrived at the elementary school on Monday, March 31st, we noticed low water pressure throughout the elementary and middle school buildings. Initially, we suspected an issue with the well pump. The system was restored to about half capacity, allowing us to limp through the rest of Monday and the shortened day on Tuesday.

When the pump was pulled for inspection, we discovered the actual cause: a hole in the pipe—not the pump itself. After replacing the pipe, the elementary school was placed under a boil order.

Unfortunately, the test results didn't return as quickly as we had hoped, leading to the closure of school again on Thursday. Additionally, the increased water pressure caused a malfunction in the iron filter system. To reduce water usage, we turned off the drinking fountains in both the elementary and middle school buildings.

The repair company was scheduled to return on Monday, April 7, but they arrived on Tuesday, April 8 due to delays. The necessary repair to the iron filter was completed that day, and drinking fountains in the elementary and middle schools were gradually turned back on.

Due to unexpected closures caused by weather, mechanical issues, and other disruptions, the last scheduled day of school is **Wednesday, May 28th**. One of the make-up days is also planned for **Tuesday, April 22nd**. Unpredictable factors may require future calendar changes. Schools have been closed for the following: April snowstorms, thunderstorms, high wind advisories, mechanical failures (such as squirrels damaging electric transformers), dense fog, and boil water advisories.

We appreciate everyone's flexibility and understanding as we work to minimize disruptions to students and families. Thank you for your continued support!

Your Partner in Education,

Rob Busch

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