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Board Briefing

Dear Board,

May 14 we inducted our newest members into National Junior Honor Society. This is a pretty solemn ceremony for our kids who are trying to do well in school as well as give back to their community with service. Becca King is our Honor Society coordinator and she always does a great job.

May 21 - Fleming initiated its "First Annual Patriot Day Ceremony" to kick off the Memorial Day weekend. We retired our school flag according to military procedure. The National Guard was scheduled to lower our flag for the last time and then burn it, unfortunately, our Guard team was sent off to the East coast for training before heading off to Iraq. So we had our own Young Marines trained to take over this ceremony and they did great. We had several very special guest speakers who touched upon themes of patriotism, history of Memorial Day, importance of the Flag and how we should thank our veterans for their service. We wanted our students to understand the importance of our soldiers that are serving their country today and especially those who have given their lives to preserve our nation. It was a very moving ceremony and our students were the best-behaved and respectful students anyone could ask for.

Once again our Marching Band marched in the Merlin Parade on May 2 and took first place. On May 23 our band out performed all other middle school bands in the Boatnik Parade bringing the championship trophy back to Fleming. As you may recall we didn't win last year in a controversial decision. The judges spoke to Mr. Wilder (Band Commander) after the judging and even gave him pointers on how to do even better next year. I cannot put into words how much pride our band brings to Fleming Middle School. Seeing our band marching down 6th Street and hearing the crowd's comments and clapping is just the best.

May 27 John Cowens (6th grade science) pulled off another spectacular Rocket Launch. Dozens of rockets were launched with parents, students and TV cameras looking on. One lucky rocket literally "splashed down" in the sewage treatment plant - that received quite a few 'eeeeeeews.'

May 29 we sent every seventh grade student to Southern Oregon University for the day. This field trip is part of our Gear Up grant. The students received a tour of the campus, sat in on a lecture and got an "all you can eat" lunch in the dining commons. The lunch was a big hit.

Thank you,

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