Good evening, Charles H. Parker Students and Families! This is Ms. Range, proud principal of Charles H. Parker Academic Center. I hope everyone had a wonderful weekend and found time to rest and relax after a very busy week of testing and activities! Please take time to review the information below. It includes important updates for these last 2 days of school. As always, this message will be posted on our website and our Facebook account. Please remember that the school is here to support you. If you have any needs or need any support, please let us know. The office is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM until 5:30 PM.

This week, we will have several events to celebrate our students. End of year parties, graduations, and other ceremonies will be taking place. If you are unsure of your child's schedule, please reach out to your child's teacher. The two big events that involve families are the Kindergarten Graduation and the 5th Grade Graduation. The Kindergarten Graduation is on June 9 at 10:00 AM. The 5th Grade Graduation is June 10 at 9:30 AM. Please remember the following guidelines for both events:

- 1. Parking will be a premium for both graduations. Once our parking lot is full, you will need to park on the street and cul-de-sac. The bus parking lot will NOT be available for parking until after 9:30. Carpool as much as possible.
- 2. Families will enter through the gym doors. All visitors will need to sign in on a sheet of paper and receive a sticker. This is CMS policy. It will take some time, please be patient.
- 3. Finally, again please bring your patience and understanding. There will be issues and slowdowns. We will do all we can to make sure everyone has a positive experience, please help us as well.

We still have a few copies of our yearbook remaining!! Limited copies are still available at https://pac-yearbook-25.cheddarup.com Get your copy now so you can always remember the successes and fun of this past school year!! Yearbooks are \$20 per copy. If you prefer to pay by cash, please have your child bring the money to the office in an envelope with their name on it.

CMS has created resources for families to use during the summer to maintain academic skills and keep students thinking, reading and succeeding! The Elementary Summer Packets include 20 days of literacy, math, science and social studies activities to prepare students for the upcoming school year. For example, kindergarten students will engage in activities aligned to first-grade concepts or skills. The CMS Website has learning and technology resources to use at home. We know that the adults who spend time with students out of school need more information about what skills students are learning throughout the year, and effective strategies to practice and support learning. CMS has grade-level-specific web pages to help bridge that gap. You can use this site to explore what math and reading will look like for your learner in the upcoming grade level and find ideas to support learning at home. As a reminder, each child progresses differently: your child may still be learning skills from a previous grade or may have already

mastered grade-level skills listed on the learning and technology resources pages. The goal is for your child to have access to grade level instruction while receiving individualized support where it is needed. Talk to your teacher about your child's specific needs. This digital Summer Reading for Families resource provides literacy activities at each grade level, pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. Families and communities may access this resource for activities at each grade level and general tips for families when reading with their students. The Let's Get Ready! Guide is intended to provide family-friendly resources on age-appropriate developmental skills, support tips, and at-home activities where adult/child interactions are the central focus. It is not intended to determine if a child "is" or "is not" ready for kindergarten.

Please join us on Monday, June 9th at 5:00PM at the school for a meet and greet with PAC's new principal for the 2025-2026 school year, Mr. Conner. We realize this is late notice and that not everyone will be able to attend but wanted to offer some time with him before summer break. Mr. Conner will be available at open house in August if this time doesn't work for your family. While we would like everyone to try to attend in person, for those unable to do so, the meeting will be accessible online, ensuring everyone has the opportunity to participate. Your presence, whether in person or online, is valued and appreciated. Zoom link included below.

 $\underline{https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2346389758?pwd=RrvelbUZ2wjtwMnXw9ZhOVmhsfQqEx.1\&omn=73919255734}$

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Transportation Intent to Ride form is now available for families to use. Any transportation request after May 31, 2025 will cause a delay in service. If you need to request an alternate stop such as a daycare or different express stop, the 2025-26 alternate stop form will be available in June on the transportation website. Please complete the form below for each student in your household. The link is also live and active on the CMS homepage.

https://wearecms.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_79WJxvZqQtfzKaG

Thank you to all of our school community for an amazing year. It was an adventure but a great adventure! Our last day of school is Tuesday, June 10. Our first day of school is August 25, 2025. Our Open House is scheduled for August 20 from 3 PM to 6 PM (A-M from 3-4:30 and N-Z from 4:30-6:00 PM). In the meantime, the school will be open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 AM until 5:30 PM all summer. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Most Importantly, have a wonderful and fun summer filled with laughter, rest and reading!! To our 5th graders, best wishes on the next step of your journey. Remember that you will always be a Parker Bee!! We cannot wait to see you all in August!!

Finally, a very special thank you for a wonderful 13 years as a Parker Bee. You all have been a second family to me and I have loved every minute of our work together. Words

cannot express what this school community has meant to me and I can promise you, there will always be a big part of my heart connected to our Hive. Getting to know our families and our amazing kids has been a dream job. This past Wednesday's celebration was one of the most special days in my life and I cannot thank you enough for that memory. Charles H. Parker is a very special place – always has been and always will be. I am just so very blessed that I was able to be a small part of that journey.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher or Ms. Range. Thank you for all of your support and dedication to Charles H. Parker! Have a wonderful evening!