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Dear Parents and Guardians of 5th Graders,

It feels like not too long ago we dropped our little ones off for their first day of school and now we are planning for the 5th Grade *Aloha JBD Luau* and the *Soaring Seagulls Moving On Ceremony* as they move on to middle school!

Important Dates:

- **Aloha JBD Luau** - Friday, June 5; 6pm-8pm at John B. Dey
- **Soaring Seagulls Moving On Ceremony** - Friday, June 12; 9am-10am at John B. Dey
More details to follow in the coming weeks on both events

Volunteer:

Check out this survey with details on how you can help: [5th Grade Events Volunteer Survey](#)

Donations: (Please provide all prize, raffle or gift bag items by **June 1st**)

In addition to volunteers, we are also looking for donations of items such as candy, bottled water, prizes for the luau games, raffle basket donations, gift certificates, coupons, etc. Each 5th Grader will receive a gift bag after the Soaring Seagulls Ceremony and the other donations will be used during the luau. If you are able and interested in donating please see the options below:

- Sign-Up Genius: We will send out a sign-up genius as we get closer to June for items we are still in need of.
- Amazon Wish List here: JBD 5th Grade Celebrations [JBD 5th Grade Celebrations Wish List](#).
- If you would like to donate items/services or contribute in another way please reach out to Lauren Ciullo at jbdsoaringseagulls@gmail.com or (716) 435-3997.

Slideshow:

The John B. Dey PTA *Aloha JBD Luau* and the *Soaring Seagulls Moving On Ceremony* committees are preparing a slideshow to show at these events. We would love to include photos of your child and their 5th grade friends while at John B Dey. Please email **up to 5 photos** by **May 1st** to jbdbeachbash@gmail.com with your child's name and teacher in the subject line.

Photo Ideas/Tips:

- Include an old photo of your child such as a baby picture or the very first year they attended JBD
- Include a current photo of them in the 5th grade
- If you are sending a group photo, please make sure all the students are in the 5th grade at our school.
- Photo of your student with their favorite teacher or other JBD employee (at any grade level while at JBD)
- No younger siblings or students in other grades.
- Photos taken at the school or during school functions are preferred.
 - Examples: Getting on the bus for the first time, field trips, after-school events like BINGO, Field Day, class parties, etc.

Questions or Concerns?

Please reach out to Lauren Ciullo anytime via jbdsoaringseagulls@gmail.com or (716) 435-3997