

Transition Time at Darien Public Schools — Not Just High School Graduation

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Across the district this week, students will participate in Moving Up, Promotion, and Graduation exercises as they move on to middle or high school, and beyond.

The week kicked off Monday at *Tokeneke Elementary School* where 5th grade students participated in their Moving Up ceremony. The ceremony included short music performances, presentation of awards, and the opportunity for the Grade 5 class to present their class gift — a new flag for the school (*pictured above*). Principal Mary Michelson and Assistant Principal Kathy Schulz presided over the day's events.

"As we get ready to say goodbye to our graduates, it is time to reflect upon their lives here at school. We ask that you take a moment and say to yourself, 'When did I blink?' Take a look at your child and think about that for a moment," said Schulz in her speech. She then cited a series of famous children's author quotes that

reflected the journey across elementary school, ending with one from Dr. Suess.

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"You have brains in your head, you have feet in your shoes, you can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You are off to great places, today is your day, your mountain is waiting ... so get on your way!" said Schulz.

The schedule for the remaining schools is as follows:

Hindley Elementary School: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 9 a.m.

Holmes Elementary School: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

Ox Ridge Elementary School: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 1:30p.m.

Royle Elementary School: Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 10 a.m.

Middlesex Middle School

The 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony will take place Thursday, June 16 starting at 9:30 a.m. in the MMS Gym.

Darien High School

High School graduation starts on Thursday, June 16 at 5 p.m. at the DHS Stadium Field. In the event of inclement weather, a decision will be made by noon that the ceremony would be moved to the auditorium where seating is limited; Seniors are issued two tickets. Regardless of graduation location, a simulcast on a large screen will be in the Main Gym.