**Dear Staff,**

We’re excited to announce that our school community will be participating in the
OPEN National Field Day event on **Friday, May 8th**!

Field Day is an important tradition at our school. It is a significant day for our students and our staff, and we feel that in these incredibly challenging times this national event is a unique way that we can stay connected as a community and support one another in a fun and meaningful way.

OPEN (Online Physical Education Network) is a national public service organization that provides curriculum and training support to more than 90,000 teachers in all 50 states. We will be using their resources and social media network to help us organize our school’s participation in #NationalFieldDay.

All #NationalFieldDay events are designed to be done indoors or outdoors using common household items. You won’t be asked to purchase any specialized equipment or supplies.

**Here’s how it will work:**

* Our school is now registered as a participant in this event. Families can choose to register as well, but it’s not a requirement.
* The event website is [www.openphysed.org/nationalfieldday](http://www.openphysed.org/nationalfieldday).
* As a part of registration, we will receive Field Day Friday email updates each week with new resources that we will share with you.
* You can also find updates via social media using #NationalFieldDay.
* By April 17 everyone will receive a set of event cards that you can use to begin practicing. I will also send you a participant practice sheet for tracking progress.
* Participants will be asked to choose a minimum of 4 events to complete on Field Day. However, they may complete as many events as you’d like to.
* From May 3 thru 7, we will follow #NationalFieldDay and watch the Field Day Torch travel across the country in preparation for the main event.
* On May 8, our entire school will participate in events, complete an official score card, share photos and videos through our school’s approved platforms, and participate nationally on social media using #NationalFieldDay.
* Every student that completes at least 4 events will receive an OPEN National Field Day certificate.

**The physical education department is asking all staff members to participate alongside our students.** Please share pictures and videos of you completing events with your families. We will continue to send everyone weekly updates. We appreciate your cooperation and are hopeful that event will help bring our school community back together.

Stay well,

Your School’s Physical Education Staff