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Welcome to Friday's update. The weekend is here—it's time to rest, relax and enjoy the sunshine. It's been a wild week for everyone.

I received a really sweet thank you card in the mail today, thanking me for telling everyone what is next and for making good decisions. Thank you Kayden Clark—you really made my day! This was a perfect ending to my week!

Parents and students—remember, mandatory instruction begins this coming Monday, March 30—instruction is no longer optional. I know you have lots of questions about what parents and students should do while school buildings are closed for instruction. Directors have prepared a document on remote learning information for families. Go to the Ashe County Schools website, click on the tab entitled parents/students, then click on ACS Remote Learning Information for Families. You'll then be able to access lots of information, including a tab for frequently asked questions for students and parents, or FAQs. If you don't find an answer to your question, click on the FAQ tab, and then use the "click here" link at the top of the page to ask your question. Someone will reply within a reasonable time. If you forget these instructions, don't worry. All my Connect5 message are on our ACS website.

If you recall, I informed everyone in Tuesday's message, that all athletic facilities are closed to the public through May 15. This regulation includes elementary sites as well as the middle and high school sites. The elementary playgrounds and ball fields are off limits to the public. Please respect this directive.

Day 9 for CN—1665 breakfast and 1665 lunch meals were served today. Good job everyone. Folks have worked so hard this week—get some much-needed rest this weekend.

Okay—are you ready for the answer to yesterday's riddle? (repeat riddle—what goes up but never comes down?) It's your age! How many of you got this one?

Today's riddle. What did the math book say to the calculator, puzzle and dictionary? Listen to Monday's message for the answer.

Fun trivia animal facts. Squirrels will adopt other squirrels' babies if they are abandoned. They also plant thousands of new trees every year because they forget where they put their acorns! Hum . . . didn't know that.

Everyone—have a great weekend. Practice all the safety rules for the coronavirus. Keep safe, and I'll be back on Monday.