**Dear Administrator,**

We’re excited let you know about a great opportunity for our school community. We would like to participate in the OPEN National Field Day event on **Friday, May 8th**! Program resources are free for our school to utilize and customize as needed.

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. Families won’t be asked to purchase any specialized equipment.

**Here’s how it will work:**

* Our school will register as a participant in this event. Families can choose to register as well, but it’s not a requirement. The 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. Updates will also be posted via social media using #NationalFieldDay.
* Starting April 17, we will receive a set of event cards to allow students begin practicing as a part of their at-home physical education lessons
* 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.
* 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. OPEN will provide the certificate document and we will copy/print for each student.

National Field Day t-shirts are available in the OPEN t-shirt shop. We can also use our field day budget to purchase these in bulk. If we choose to purchase in bulk, our school will be responsible for shirt distribution. **Deadline to order shirts is April 13.**

It’s important to note that t-shirt purchases are not a requirement for our participation.

Stay well,

Your School’s Physical Education Staff