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Dear Comet Families,

The final week of the 2017-2018 school year is upon us! In some aspects, it's hard to believe we are here. In other aspects, certain points of the school year seem so long ago. Did Hurricane Irma happen this same school year? Despite a few challenges brought about by the hurricane and PTA fundraising laws, this truly has been Carillon's "Time to SHINE." As a reminder, SHINE was an acronym for our Comets to: **S**hare, **H**elp, **I**mage, **N**ever stop learning, and **E**xcel.

Because of our students' ability to **SHARE** about themselves, teachers and staff members were able to build strong and lasting relationships. Students continued to be connected to their peers in their classes, but thanks to our six Orbits, students were also able to share positive experiences with students in other grade levels! From the Comet Challenge, to Galactic Games, to Carillon Kids Choir Concerts, Kindergarten and First Grade Showcases, to numerous evening events and spirit nights, our Comets were able to SHARE so much! Special thanks to our PTA that helped make so much of this available to *all* of our students.

Hurricane Irma brought about many opportunities for students to **HELP** their community. I am extremely proud of our creation of a food pantry at Carillon this year. This will help families and students in need for years to come and all items in the pantry are from student and family donations. We can't forget that our students also raised money for a new playground, student council held two campus cleanups, and our own 5th grade student (Jeremy Garcia-Abreu) was selected as the Disney's Dreamer and Doer Shining Star for Seminole County because of his ability to not only overcome the challenges of a new place to live, a new language to speak, but also his ability to help out other students facing similar challenges. What a wonderful representative of how Carillon Comets HELP!

Our Carillon Comets **IMAGINE**d all year long. Whether it was participating in a new SPACE TEAM that captured their imagination or entering the PTA Reflections Art Contest, our students' imaginations were put to good use. Not only did we have several district and state recognized pieces in the Reflections contest, but for the second year in a row, our school dominated the Plumbing Day Art Contest, proving that imagination can help with everyday problems and needs. There is no limit to our Comets' and their IMAGINATION!

Each day, I was fortunate enough to visit classrooms and see the wonderful engagement of students learning new information and skills. Teachers and staff members challenged students at their levels and pushed them to even greater heights. We definitely had a "never stop learning" approach to all that we did across campus and every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday started with EARTH (Expanding Academic Readiness and Targeted Help). Students that were above level, were challenged and enriched. Students that struggled with particular skills practiced, and practiced, until getting those skills. Not only did they **NEVER STOP LEARNING**, they never gave up!

As we wind down this school year, I am being presented with so many success stories regarding our students. Stories of students having achieved more than one year's growth in one year's time. In addition to students doing well on iReady diagnostics, our students have excelled in all aspects of school from classroom tests, making honor roll, showing great citizenship, achieving personal bests in fitness, artistic expression and writing. Our Math Team Mathletes, Cross Country Team, and SECME Engineering Team all also excelled by taking major awards at district and state competitions. On this Thursday, we will honor our fifth graders with the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Night at Hagerty High School. These fifth graders have proven exactly what it means to **EXCEL** and to SHINE!

Knowing all of this, it is my pleasure to announce that it is just about Time to SHINE into a fun-filled and relaxing summer! Enjoy the time off from school! Good luck to our fifth graders on their journey to middle school! I can't wait to see everyone else return in August for what promises to be an amazing school year! Now that we have shown the world how Carillon Comets SHINE in 2017-2018, 2018-2019 will be a year that our school gets to ROCK! **Carillon ROCKS!** So, ROCK on!

Sincerely,

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