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MAY - JUNE 2019 CALENDAR

April 29 – May 3	Monday – Wednesday Thursday Friday	7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. NO SCHOOL – STAFF IN-SERVICE
May 6 – May 10	Monday – Thursday Friday	7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
May 13 – May 17	Monday – Thursday Friday	7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
May 20 – May 24	Monday – Thursday Friday	7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 27, 2019 – NO SCHOOL IN OBSERVATION OF MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former sailors and soldiers.

During the first celebration of Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried in the cemetery.

This 1868 celebration was inspired by local observances of the day in several towns throughout America that had taken place in the three years since the Civil War. In 1966, the federal government, under the direction of President Lyndon Johnson, declared Waterloo, N.Y., the official birthplace of Memorial Day. They chose Waterloo—which had first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—because the town had made Memorial Day an annual, community-wide event during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

By the late 1800s, many communities across the country had begun to celebrate Memorial Day and, after World War I, observances also began to honor those who had died in all of America's wars. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May. Today, Memorial Day is celebrated at Arlington National Cemetery with a ceremony in which a small American flag is placed on each grave. Also, it is customary for the president or vice-president to give a speech honoring the contributions of the dead and lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. About 5,000 people attend the ceremony annually.

CLASSES RESUME ON TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019

Schedule Change

May 28 – May 31	Tuesday – Friday	7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
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SPRING COMMENCEMENT – SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019

June 3 – June 7	Monday – Friday	7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
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June 10 - June 14	Monday – Friday	7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
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CLASSES END FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2019