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Happy Maycember!

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So what is Maycember?

According to dictionary.com, Maycember is a slang term meaning "the manic time of year when parents find themselves drowning in end-of-school activities, sporting events, concerts, awards, teacher appreciation days, graduation rituals, bake sales, summer camp paperwork, and Memorial Day plans. Really, it's just the month of May, but parents have begun to use the portmanteau of *May* and *December* to cheekily compare the chaos of the spring month to December, a month that serves up a similarly hectic series of kid-centric events, but without the crackling fire, eggnog, or social permission to cancel plans and curl up under a weighted blanket. It's nonstop hustle with no gifts to look forward to."

This end-of-school-year chaos is not limited to parents. Teachers feel it too. The ending of a time period seems to create an insatiable need for commemorations, awards ceremonies, concerts, celebrations, parties, and graduations. These are not only high school or college graduations, but graduations from almost every grade in school, each small stepping stone and milestone along the way. We leave no stone unturned or unnoticed and each of those stones require special clothes, special food, special performances, and special events! We are all especially exhausted.

In the interest of time, energy, and sanity, we are keeping this Parent Corner article short. Let's all take a moment to breathe and remember that June is just around the corner. Summer is soon to be here, so if we can just manage to enjoy all the celebrations while still finding a few minutes each day to practice, we *will* make it to a more peaceful

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