## End of Year Zoom Party--May 21st 7:00 pm

We hope that you already have good memories of our Toast to Texas on the birthday of Texas. Our hope is that one day when you are older that you will carry on this Texas tradition on your own.

Often when people think of a toast, they think of people clinking glasses of champagne at a wedding. Remember that a toast is not about fancy glasses, not about drinking alcohol, and not always at a fancy event. Giving a toast is a way of showing thankfulness for the people, places, and events in your life.

Although this year is not ending in a way we expected, we still have a lot of reasons to be thankful. We want to celebrate those reasons at our end of year party.

Here is how our party will work:

We will send out the link to our Zoom a little before 7:00 on the evening of May 21st. Once everyone is logged in, we will begin. Bring a glass or bottle of water with you to the Zoom. You do not have to turn your video on if that makes you uncomfortable.

Each student will be asked to give a toast. This means you need to be prepared. It is hard to give a toast without a little thinking ahead of time. You might even want to write it down. When you give your toast, you need to tell what you are thankful for and end with a signal for us to toast. Remember that when we did our toast for Texas we said, "To Texas." If you were thankful for something Billy Bob did this year, you would end with, "To Billy Bob."

You could give a toast expressing your thanks to a friend for something they did for you. You could express thanks for an event that happened. These could be things that happened during regular school or during our distance learning, but they should relate to people or events related to school.

It's a good idea to have a backup toast ready in case someone uses yours.

We will ask everyone to speak at least once. After that, we will let people go again if they have extra toasts they want to give. So, if you have a lot of friends to thank, you will have time to do that.

Zoom has ended their free unlimited plan, so if our Zoom goes longer than 40 minutes, we will have to end and send out a new link to finish.

We hope to see you there because we are super thankful for all of you!