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January 21, 2022 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES



- 2/01 Board of Education Meeting - 6:00PM - Room #211
- 2/02 Hour with Administrators - 5:30 - 6:30PM
- 2/03 Evening Winter Concert - 6:30 PM - Gym
- 2/04 Morning Winter Concert - 10 AM - Gym
- 2/15 Cultural Event - Air Plane Guy - 9:00AM & 11:00AM
- 2/18 Early Dismissal at 1:15PM - Teacher PD
- 2/21 No School - Presidents' Day
- 2/25 Roaring Brook Nature Center here for Early Primary, Primary & Intermediate

SNOW GEAR and RECESS

Children have recess everyday for 30 minutes. Recess is outdoors unless it is raining or the temperature is/feels like 20 degrees or below. Please send children to school with appropriate weather gear, especially when it is cold. Students can only play in the snow and use the playscape and swings if they have waterproof boots or snow boots. Contact Ms. Dillard or Mrs. Chabot if you need a winter coat, pants, hat or gloves for your child.

ARRIVAL and DISMISSAL CHANGES

To keep our students even more safe during drop off and pick up, we implemented some changes to our procedures. First, please **do not** park in the 10 minute parking spots between 3:15-3:45. When we get snow, it is difficult for others to see and it is a tight squeeze for cars passing by. In the morning, please keep your child in the car until you reach the main entrance. Do not let your child out to walk on the snow or ice. Stay in line and do not pass a car in front of you because sometimes children get in or out on the driver's side. A passing car could hit an unsuspecting child. Finally, at the end of the day, we will send students out in the order of the cars, when they reach the main entrance. For example, if Mr. Smith is first in line, his child, Sally Smith will be the first child dismissed. If you have any questions about these new procedures, please call the office. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

HEALTH & HYGIENE DRIVE

January is Poverty Awareness Month. After learning about the effects poverty has on individuals and families, Student Council created a Health and Hygiene Drive to support those struggling with

poverty. Now through the end of the month, please consider donating new, unopened hygiene items like diapers, soap, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, wipes, feminine products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, bandaids, etc.

COVID UPDATES

Positive cases in school as of today: 2

People quarantining: 3

Please use the health screening tool daily to determine if your child should come to school.

Covid Protocols

Daily Screening For Parents



Every morning before you send your child to school, please check for the following:

- ⚠ Does your child have a temperature of **100.4 degrees** or greater?
- ⚠ Does your child have any other symptoms of COVID 19? See the below list.



⚠ Was your unvaccinated child in close contact* with anyone confirmed with COVID-19 within the last 2 weeks?

✗ If the answer is **YES** to **ANY** of these questions, **DO NOT** send your child to school. Instead, **begin quarantine** of your child and contact your healthcare provider. Strongly consider COVID-19 testing.

STOP If **ANYONE** in your home has been tested for COVID-19 (**excluding routine testing**) or is symptomatic, **DO NOT** send your unvaccinated child to school until the results have been obtained.

⚠ If your unvaccinated child has traveled, CDC Travel Guidelines advise that individuals who have traveled should quarantine for 7 days with a test on day 5.

COVID-19 Parents Screening Tool - **Subject to Change Based on New Data/Guidelines** - REVISED August 16, 2021

Thank you for all you do to keep our school community safe and healthy. It can be difficult to understand the health protocols. Here's a quick list of steps to follow if your child is presenting with any symptoms consistent with Covid.

1. Keep your child home and report the absence to the school nurse.
2. Call your child's doctor and follow their recommendations.
3. Your child can return to school with a negative Covid test and improved symptoms.
OR
4. Your child can return to school with an alternate diagnosis and note from the doctor and no or improved symptoms.
5. Call or email the school nurse to inform us of the return to school plan.

If your child is a close contact of a positive individual or anyone in the household is awaiting test results, please keep your child home and contact the school nurse. If your child is fully vaccinated and we have a record of that, you can inform us of the positive case and send your child to school.

MAKE UP WORK

If your child is home sick or awaiting test results, teachers can send home missed work so your child doesn't fall behind. Please allow 24 hours for our teachers to prepare the assignments, directions and materials. We want the work to be meaningful and doable for your child.

REMOTE LEARNING

Remote learning is only available to students who have a positive case of Covid or are a close contact due to an out of school exposure. Again, please allow 24 hours for our teachers to prepare the assignments, directions, and materials. Google Meets will be set up if the student has adult support available at home during live instruction. Otherwise, work will be available through SeeSaw or Google Classroom with a virtual conference with the teacher. Due to changes in the quarantine recommendations, we can provide virtual instruction if a student will be 3 days or more. If your child will be out for one or two days, teachers can provide students with assignments and will meet with your child upon their return to reteach as needed.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Ms. Kleisner and Ms. Krusch are enthusiastically working with instrumental music and chorus students in preparation for the Winter Concert on Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 6:30 in the gym. Please RSVP to the invitation that is coming home on Monday. We will set up seating for family groups that is socially distanced so we can safely enjoy this in person concert.

Despite the ongoing disruptions that Covid is causing, our teachers continue to engage and challenge our students in learning. Students are working hard and coming to school prepared to learn and achieve their goals. Thank you- you have a BIG part in that! Achieving our Goals and being Ready to Learn are two of our SOAR expectations. Teachers and students regularly set goals based on the learning targets and success criteria for the day. When students know what they are learning and they understand what success in learning looks like, they are more motivated and able to be successful. Remember to ask your child what they are learning. You might even say, "What was your learning target today in (math, reading, writing, science, social studies, PE, art, music or library)? Hopefully you will get a detailed answer!