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January 12, 2022 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES



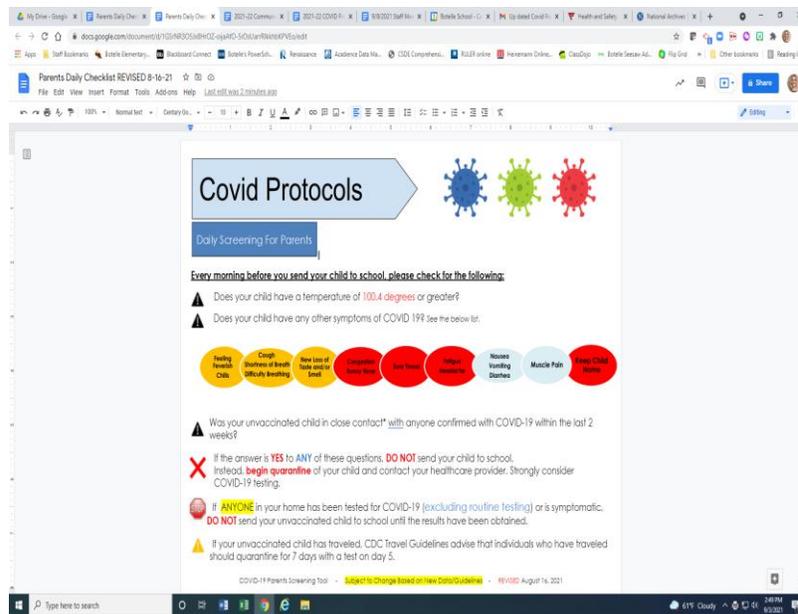
- 01/14 Early Dismissal – Teacher PD – 12:00 Dismissal – Bag Lunch sent Home
- 01/17 No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 02/01 Board of Education Meeting @6:00PM - Room #211

COVID UPDATES

Positive cases in school as of today: 8

People quarantining: 4

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



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.
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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 let us know 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 is 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.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Thank you for your ongoing support, understanding and flexibility as we implement the updated COVID protocol guidance. Moving forward, we will use the weekly newsletter to inform the school community of the number of positive cases and individuals in quarantine. However, we will shift our communication practices from whole school notifications to classroom level notifications. If there is a positive case in your child's classroom, we will notify you of the positive case and that your child was exposed to this individual. Your child can come to school if they have been exposed at school as long as he/she has no symptoms. Please keep a child with any symptoms home. If your child becomes symptomatic, please let us know and we will give you a test kit.

Please let us know your child's vaccination status. This helps us determine the most appropriate response. You can text pictures of vaccination cards to Mrs. Valentino at 860-671-4790 or email pictures to the Health Office. If your child has a close contact OUTSIDE of school, please notify the Health Office so we can respond with the appropriate mitigation strategies. Even if your child is fully vaccinated and can come to school, there may be additional mitigation measures we must put in place to keep the risk of exposure and contagion low for all of our students and staff.

Thank you!