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November 12, 2021 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES



- 11/16 Pre-Kindergarten Dismisses @ **11:00**
- 11/18 Cultural Event - Tanglewood Marionettes - 9:00AM
- 11/19 Progress Reports Sent Home
- 11/22 Early Dismissal @ **12:00 (Bag lunch will be sent home)**
- 11/23 Early Dismissal @ **12:00 (Bag lunch will be sent home)**
- 11/22 & 23 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 11/24 - 11/26 No School - Thanksgiving Break

LUNCH MENU CHANGE

On Monday, November 22nd students will be sent home with a bag lunch:

Ham & Cheese Sandwich or Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich

On Tuesday, November 23rd students will be sent home with a bag lunch:

Turkey & Cheese Sandwich or Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich

NEWS FROM THE NORFOLK LIBRARY

Corner Club with art educator Ericka Crofut will be on Nov.17th, due to the holiday. A flyer will come to the school with details. This creative time is limited to 12 children.

The **November Picture Book Challenge!** is on. Don't forget to sign up! Read 15 books and get a \$15 gift certificate for the Berkshire Store. Reading logs are at the Library Front Desk. Remember, picture books are for all ages.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

By next Friday, you'll receive the day and time of your conference with your child(ren)'s teachers. Conferences are in person and masking and social distancing are required. In person conferences allow you to see the samples of your child(ren)'s work and understand their strengths and areas for growth. Then we are better able to partner with you in the education of your child(ren). Your child(ren)'s teacher can also provide you with ways to support your child(ren) at home. If you are unable to attend your conference, please call the main office.



COVID UPDATES

Positive cases in school this week: 0

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.

Feeling
Feverish
Chills

Cough
Shortness of Breath
Difficulty Breathing

New Loss of
Taste and/or
Smell

Congestion
Runny Nose

Sore Throat

Fatigue
Headache

Nausea
Vomiting
Diarrhea

Muscle Pain

Keep Child
Home

-  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.

 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.

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 are quarantining due to a positive case of Covid or is a close contact. 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

Today we celebrated Veterans Day with our annual Veterans Day Assembly. Rex C. kicked off the assembly with *The National Anthem* on his trumpet. The band, directed by Ms. Krusch, followed with a lovely rendition of *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*. Our upper intermediate students informed the audience about the history of our celebration, the origins of Veterans Day and Norfolk's Veterans Monument. Then we learned about the history of the military. Our early primary and primary students took the stage to sing three songs, led by Ms. Kleisner. The students enthusiastically sang, *You're a Grand Old Flag*, *My Country, 'Tis of Thee* and *America*. Later in the assembly, students performed the White Table Ceremony, narrated by Belle B. The chorus added their voices with *Of Thee I Sing America*, *Singing Freedom's Song*. Mr. Byrne and I made some remarks, thanking our students and staff for their thoughtful efforts in making our assembly a success. Because the veterans couldn't join us in person, Mrs. Lasko created a slideshow featuring pictures of the veterans. We were able to see veterans in uniform and learn what branch of the Armed Forces they served in. To close the assembly, our chorus sang a favorite, *A Tribute to the Armed Services*, featuring each branch of the military.

Thank you to our students for their hard work and preparation. Our teachers and staff also deserve a big thank you. This assembly, and all that goes with it, are so appreciated by the community and the veterans who have attended it in the past and/or able to view it this year. Be sure to check out our social media, Class Dojo and our website for pictures and videos. On Monday, a recording of the assembly will be posted on our website. Happy viewing!