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SCHOOL

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December 17, 2021 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES



- 12/21, 12/22, 12/23 Holiday Day Fair
- 12/23 Early Dismissal @1:15
- 12/23 Pre-Kindergarten dismissal @1:15
- 12/24 - 1/02 Winter Break - No School
- 01/04 Board of Education Meeting @6:00PM - Room #211

ARRIVAL and DISMISSAL CHANGES

To keep our students even more safe during drop off and pick up, we are implementing 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 trying to pass by. Also, please stay in line after dropping off your child. 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. 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.

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NEWS FROM THE NORFOLK LIBRARY- UNPLUG FOR A WINTER SOLSTICE LANTERN WALK

Right before sunset at 4:15pm on Dec 19th, come join your neighbors, lantern in hand, and take a winter stroll from the Norfolk Library down to the Memorial Green for a short holiday story time with Miss Eileen. If you care to skip the walk, please park at the Catholic Church parking lot and meet us at 4:30pm.

Do you want to make your own luminary? Sign up for a Lantern Workshop at 3:30pm at the Norfolk Library. After the lanterns are made, we will meet outside at 4:15pm for our promenade to the Green. This activity is limited to 15 children so registration is necessary by calling the Norfolk Library at 860 542 5075.

COVID UPDATES

Positive cases in school this week: 0

People quarantining: 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.



- ⚠️ 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

Thank you for donating to the PTO Holiday Fair. There are so many gift items for our students to select from when purchasing for their loved ones, thanks to your generosity. Here are some tips to help make your child's shopping experience successful~

- Send in a list of people your child should buy for. If you have a long list, consider breaking it up into 3 days, so your child is not overwhelmed and can carry home the gifts each day.
- Send in small amounts of money. The gifts are inexpensive and a little money goes a long way. \$10-\$15 is a good amount for a long list of people. \$5 or under is perfect for a few gifts.

All students will go to the fair on Tuesday. Tuesday can be a browsing or purchasing day. On Wednesday and Thursday, students who want to make additional purchases will be able to shop at the fair. We are committed to ALL of our students having the opportunity to give something to their loved ones, so if finances are a concern, please contact me so we can help. Every child who wants to give a gift to a loved one will be able to.

Next Wednesday afternoon, our students will come together as a whole school to celebrate kindness at our Good News Gathering. Student Council has planned a program to support our SOAR expectation of Offering kindness and respect. They have informational and fun activities planned that will help our students get to know one another more - particularly the younger and older students who don't see each other often! There will be games, surprises and more. Social distancing practices will be in place so we have a safe and fun time.