

APRIL Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

It's hard to believe that a full year has come and gone since we closed our school last spring. So much has changed, but I'd like to take a moment to focus on all the positives that have come from this. Let's talk about how much our amazing, versatile students have learned. They've learned to navigate Google Classroom, Dojo Portfolios and have become champions of the mute/unmute button in Zoom. They've mastered using hand sanitizer, masking and unmasking and following an entirely new set of procedures in school. They've become a family with their class bubbles, made new friends and in many ways, we've seen them thrive through adversity. Let's not forget all of the positives that have come from this experience. We've all been able to spend more time with our children than we would have in the past, and that is a gift in itself.

APRIL MEETINGS

The Governing Board will be meeting on April 14, via zoom. As always, if you wish to attend as an audience member, you must email the principal before 5 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Audience members are not permitted to participate in GB discussions or deliberations.

The PPO will be meeting on April 21 via zoom. Parent-Teacher meetings will take place on April 15 via zoom. Teacher will be in touch with parents to request meetings. As always, if you are not invited to a meeting but would like to speak with your child's teacher, you may make alternate arrangements for a zoom or phone meeting on another date.



WATER BOTTLES

As mentioned previously, we do not have the budget to supply water bottles to students on a regular basis. Please ensure your child has a reusable water bottle with them every day, as the drinking fountains are closed. Only the refrigerated water dispensers are open for student use.



APRIL 19 PEDAGOGICAL DAY CANCELLED

Please note that the ped day scheduled for April 19 has been cancelled due to the snow day closure on February 16. As such, April 19 will become a day 3. You can contact Le Doral if you wish to order a hot meal for this day.

PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTIVES

Since the transmission of variant is a top concern of the Public Health department, we would like to inform you of the following rules that will be enforced:

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- If a family member, in the same household, is exhibiting symptoms and/or awaiting test results for Covid-19, the entire family bubble must isolate until a negative test is received. This means that siblings must stay home if one child is under the weather with Covid-19 symptoms or is awaiting a test result.
- Children who exhibit symptoms will be isolated at school and you will be required to pick them up immediately. Symptoms in children vary and differ from those in adults. We have seen a variety of seemingly mundane symptoms result in positive diagnoses. We would prefer that everyone errs on the side of caution to avoid another in-school outbreak.

Finally, we're hearing a disturbing amount of comments from students about how they see family and friends, have sleepovers and go to birthday parties on the weekends. While we can't enforce what parents do on their own time, we want you to understand how upsetting this is for our staff members, many of whom are terrified to catch Covid-19 at school and bring it home to their families. We are diligently enforcing all of the rules in school and making personal sacrifices in order to do our best to keep our school open, yet we continue to hear from students about their social gatherings. We know it's been a long year, but please, respect the public health directives in order to keep our team safe and our school open. There is a serious shortage of school personnel right now and we will have more closures if staff are impacted.

MASK DISTRIBUTION: Grades 1-6

Beginning after the long weekend, students will be given two masks every day at lunch. The first mask will be for the afternoon and the second one will be for the following morning. Please ensure that your child has their container (ziplock, cosmetic case, Tupperware container etc.) in their school bag every day to transport the mask for the following morning. By doing this daily, it will become more routine and we can monitor our inventory more closely.

