



Principal's Update

Week of 3/1/21



Message from Michele

Hello Parents/Guardians & Staff,



I hope it has been a good and safe week for you. For me, I spent much time this week in virtual meetings. This is the time of year when planning for the next school year begins. It is so hard to even think about next year when trying to navigate through the remainder of this year. However, I must forge on! I am actively working on planning the school budget, staffing, facility projects, events, curriculum, and student enrollment for the upcoming year. (Just to name a few.) Also, to toss into the mix, all the detailed planning for the re-opening of school next week. I love and live for my job...however, this week I found myself engaging in much deep breathing. For me, everything is happening so fast and occurring all at the same time! I looked to the quote above to help me to pause and re-focus. This week I reminded myself of the importance of taking things one day at a time. I started to allow all the things on my task list to overwhelm and defeat me, but then I paused and started taking them one by one. I started to see my tasks not as a sprint, but rather a long relaxing run! 😊

These times are so difficult for so many and I know that I am not alone in feeling like so much is happening so fast and all at once. As we approach the one-year mark since the pandemic changed our way of living, I thought this would be a fitting message for you as well. Let's all remember to take things one day at a time and feel confident that in this moment we are doing the best we can!

Wishing you a good week and looking forward to our buildings being filled with the sounds of joyful students and staff next week.

~Michele 😊

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RE-OPENING UPDATES

- ADS will re-open for in person learning on Wednesday, March 10th.
- Both in-person and remote learning will still occur for the remainder of the school year.
- School district and bus companies have been notified of our re-opening date.
- **If we did not hear back from parents to select a learning option for your child, we assume your child will continue to receive remote services.**
- **If your child was remote since September and you changed the learning option to in-person, your child may have a different teacher. We needed to restructure some of the classrooms to accommodate the changed needs.**
- **ONLY FOR STUDENTS WITH A TEACHER RETUNING TO SCHOOL- Monday, March 8th & Tuesday, March 9th will be "packet days." Live instruction will not occur.** Staff will return to the building to prepare to re-open on Wednesday. There is much preparation and review of safety practices that will occur on those days.
- Parent teacher conferences will still occur on Monday and Tuesday as scheduled.
- Therapy may occur virtually or the therapist may supply information to conduct at home. Therapists will address with parents individually.
- **Students that have teachers that will continue to work remotely, will have virtual sessions on Monday and Tuesday as scheduled.**
- **It was brought to my attention that this may not have been clearly addressed prior to school re-opening in September. The re-opening team and I thought it is important to note if you are sending your child back to school:**
As your child's primary care giver, you know there are times that it is impossible to maintain the 6-foot distance that we so often talk about. Our staff will do their best with the use of PPE to maintain this distance and to minimize the times that they cannot, while still giving your child the best of care. Feeding and toileting are some examples of when the 6 foot is impossible to maintain.

We were successful in the fall and intend to do our very best to care for your child when they return to school.

ADS NEWS

- We hope you enjoyed the Seuss-tastic Week!

