



From the Desk of Janice Tierney  
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*"It costs nothing to be nice"*

A couple of important reminders:

- ***Doors will continue to open at 8:15 AM. Students arriving before that time can anticipate waiting outside, including in colder temperatures, unless – of course – it is raining sideways. When doors open at 8:15 AM, students can enter directly into the building. Doors close at 8:25 AM with our instructional day beginning at 8:30 AM.***
- ***IF you are traveling for the holiday, please be sure to monitor the NJ.gov site for the most recent information regarding out of state travel including quarantine restrictions. Your adherence to these guidelines keeps our community safe and our schools open.***
- ***Students will be continuing to be outdoors daily for snack and mask breaks. PLEASE be sure that your child is dressed appropriately to be outside for a 15-minute period.***
- ***Afternoon instructional sessions are not optional. These two periods are components of our instructional day. If your child is absent from their session, they will be marked as absent for a half day.***
- ***Please be aware that virtual materials are available for pick up between the hours of 8AM and 4PM. Pickups after 4 PM will have to wait until the following day.***

Unfortunately, we do not have good news regarding our district Chromebook delivery. It appears that it has been delayed again and we do not have a new date to share. I have received several inquiries regarding what device to purchase if a family is looking to make this investment. Although the district cannot recommend a particular device or manufacturer, it has been shared that the district will not purchase Chromebooks with AMD processors due to the experience we have had with these devices.

The district continues to communicate important information via Honeywell alerts. These alerts require your attention and provide details regarding the district response to COVID cases as well as any shifts that are being implemented under guidelines issued by district or health officials. As always, we are here to answer questions and/or provide clarification.

THANK YOU to all of our families that have shared a Message of Gratitude. Please feel free to send your thoughts along in an email to my attention ([jtierney@summit.k12.nj.us](mailto:jtierney@summit.k12.nj.us)) with the subject line – Message of Gratitude. Remember, please no grade level or teacher designation. I will be printing out and posting these messages to share with staff throughout the holiday season.

I truly appreciate all that our families are doing, each and every day, to keep us safe and healthy. Enjoy the weekend. j