



From the Desk of Janice Tierney

Our weekly message was about safe and healthy habits...
Wear your mask, keep 6 ft between yourself and anyone else, & wash your hands!

A couple of gentle reminders:

- The hours for the drop off and pick up virtual learning materials are 8 AM to 4 PM. Please be mindful of these hours as there may not be anyone available to allow you into the pick-up area.
- Please join us for our virtual general PTO meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 9:30 AM. Watch for the virtual invitation from our PTO.
- As we sent both Mrs. Breznak and Mrs. Alfone off this week to begin their leaves, we welcomed Ms. Maylin Rivera and Ms. Maria Constandinou to our teaching staff. Ms. Rivera is teaching 5th grade and Ms. Constandinou is teaching 3rd.
- In light of current recommendations and the practice of safe and healthy habits, we will not be exchanging student-to-student paper Valentine greetings this year. Our teachers are designing creative ways for students to be able to acknowledge their classmates while also keeping everyone healthy and safe. Please stay tuned for additional details from your teachers as we approach this “heartwarming” holiday.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION...please read!

As we return to live instruction in 2021 I wanted to take this opportunity to restate expectations for engagement in both the live and virtual instructional environments and the reporting requirements to support mandates for student attendance.

- Instructional hours are 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM with lunch/recess from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM.
- The daily shift from live to virtual instructional settings between 12:30-1:30 does not change attendance expectations.
- If a student does not log on and **remain on** in the afternoon sessions – unless the teacher instructs them to move away from the “device” for independent practice or engagement – the student will be marked absent for the afternoon session. This will be indicated as a half day, PM absence and appear on the student’s report card.
- The district will be notifying families, in accordance with district guidelines, if/when a student’s absence exceeds established thresholds.
- In the virtual setting, cameras are to remain on unless otherwise instructed by the teacher.
- Please continue to maintain appropriate learning environments for students in the PM session. Students should not be eating, drinking or lying down, riding in the car or in settings that do not support instructional engagement. We appreciate your support.

As always, I am here to answer any questions, provide clarifying information or support your efforts to ensure the successful attendance and engagement of our learners.

Enjoy the weekend!
Mrs. Tierney