



**From the Desk of Janice Tierney  
September 17, 2021**

*"Lend a helping hand and, if you can, lend two."*

Lots of information below. Please take a moment to read thoroughly =0)!

#### **ABSENCE REPORTING**

When notifying your child's teacher and Mrs. Napoles of an absence, please include a reason i.e. ill, appointment, travel, etc. Since current health guidelines require that we monitor student absence and re-entry, this information is required to ensure everyone's safety. Guidelines for re-entry following illness are outlined and updated regularly on both the district Health Office Page as well as Mrs. Zanelli's page on the district website: [summit.k12.nj.us](http://summit.k12.nj.us). As always, any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

#### **ACCESS to VIRTUAL LEARNING**

*Last year our students were able to access virtual learning freely. This year virtual learning opportunities are only available if the DISTRICT has excluded your child from attending school due to COVID. If your child is ill without a COVID positive result or required quarantine verified by Mrs. Zanelli, your child is ill and should rest. If you have an appointment or are traveling within the school calendar, your child is not eligible for virtual learning. Any assignments may be made up upon their return to school. The school/teacher does not provide assignments, in advance, for purposes of travel.*

#### **FORGOTTEN ITEMS**

Just a reminder that the ONLY items permitted for drop off during school hours are your child's Chromebook, charger, water bottle, and snack. Lunch can be provided by the cafeteria. We appreciate your cooperation (and know that we can supply, for the day, any other item that is critical to learning =0).

#### **STAFF CELL PHONE USE**

Staff are employing cell phones to synchronize time across the school setting. Please use your cell phone to schedule your arrival and pick up as well. This should alleviate any confusion about the accuracy of clocks or personal devices.

#### **CAR LINE, ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL**

**For our experienced Franklin Families - I am thrilled that we were able to get to the 4<sup>th</sup> week of school without these reminders; however, car line, drop off and pick up procedures have deteriorated quickly.**

#### **PLEASE REVIEW the information below as reminders that keep us all SAFE!**

- Your child **MUST** exit on the passenger side of the car **ONLY** - you may not exit the car. If your child cannot exit independently, please park **LEGALLY** and walk up.
- This is a "kiss & go" line. Your child should be ready to leave the car, masked, when you pull to a stop.

- PLEASE pull **ALL THE WAY UP** before allowing your child to leave the car.
- This is a **SINGLE STOP LINE**. You may not stop at multiple points to have children leave the car. They are safe to walk to their designated door from anywhere in the drop off lane.
- PLEASE obey all traffic laws including:
  - a. DO NOT DOUBLE PARK on Warwick and ask your child to exit your car.
  - b. DO NOT DOUBLE PARK on Warwick and send another child out to pick up your child.
  - c. The crossing guard ensures EVERYONE'S safety. Respect and courtesy are not only an expectation but set the example for your child if this individual needs to direct them safely across the street or in the case of an emergency.
  - d. Remain in the crosswalks on Blackburn and on Warwick! Cars come along quickly - especially during rush hour.
  - e. There are many, many blind spots around the school during arrival and dismissal. Please guide your child with an awareness that a car may not see you - especially if distracted.
- DROP OFF is 8:15 with a window until 8:25 when the building doors close. PLEASE REMEMBER, students will NOT be entering the building prior to 8:15 (unless it is raining sideways). We do not have the ability to supervise students in smaller groups between 8:05 and 8:15 while maintaining appropriate distance.

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- **Virtual Back to School Night** - Video's released at 3 PM on Monday, September 27, 2021.
- **Outdoor Halloween Parade** - Friday, October 29 at 1:45 PM.
  - *This is a sunshine event only. There is no rain date but students will be permitted to wear costumes.*
  - *Students will return to their classrooms for a celebration. This is a staff and student event. No parent volunteers will be included at this time.*
- **Parent Teacher Conferences** - Will be held in person this year. Anticipate appointment scheduling information from your child's teacher shortly. You may request accommodation from your child's teacher for a virtual meeting; however, within the scheduling window. PLEASE do not request a conference outside of the designated dates of November 1, 2, and 3.

*....and what a memorable evening our PTO planned and executed last Friday. It was wonderful to see so many of our families - both old and new - as we came together to celebrate the launch of the 2021-2022 school year.*

*Enjoy the weekend!  
Mrs. Tierney*