

(early) Message from the Meadows

...a weekly update from Mrs. Battaglia

September 21, 2020

Happy First Day of Fall! I hope you were able to enjoy the beautiful weather today:)

It is with great excitement that I share plans for welcoming back our students beginning next week! For those of you who selected the Hybrid Phase-In model, we will welcome students back to the building **Monday, September 28th at 7:45 and Tuesday, September 29th at 7:45 AM**. Included here is a great deal of information that will help us make the start back as smooth as possible for our students.

Health and Safety

First and foremost, the health and safety of all of our students is our number one priority. As a district, we are asking that you fill out a [student health screener](#) each day before bringing your child, or putting him or her on the bus. It is imperative that if your child is feeling ill, or showing any signs of illness that you choose to keep him/her at home. If your child becomes ill at school, he/she will be taken to the office and you will be called to pick up immediately.

Staff will wear masks at all times except while eating. Except for while eating and playing outside, students will wear masks as well. Short breaks will be provided as needed or determined by the classroom teacher. Our hybrid students will be given a breakaway lanyard to keep their mask on while playing outside. Each class has scheduled handwashing breaks throughout the day. For these breaks, students will be washing with soap and water. Sanitizer will also be available to use in between these breaks as needed.

Schedule

In order to create balance to our longer in-person school day, there are changes to the current virtual schedule. We have tried to parallel our Hybrid schedule; however, in order to accommodate lunch here at school as well as opportunities for in-person specials, changes had to be made. Your child's teacher will share a more complete schedule for the week during Monday's regular class meeting. Important for now is knowing that we will begin our school day for in-person and virtual at **8:15 rather than the current 8:30**.

Hybrid Students

Your child will attend face-to-face two full days, and have three virtual days at home. On the days your child remains at home, you can expect that they will still have contact throughout the day with the classroom teacher. Your child's teacher will share more information about what this will look like in her communication this week.

Last names A to L: Mondays and Wednesdays will be in the building for face-to-face instruction and Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays will be AT home virtual learning with guidance from the classroom teacher.

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Virtual students

For our families who are remaining virtual (those who did not select hybrid), students will continue to learn virtually at home on a schedule that parallels our in building schedule. Your current schedule will remain the same for the most part with probable changes to when specials occur. Again your child's teacher will share this information with you.

Lunch

Lunch will be eaten in the classrooms. At this time both breakfast and lunch are available free of charge to all students until December. We are asking that you fill out this [Lunch Survey](#) for each of your children indicating whether you will send your own lunch or receive lunch and/or breakfast from school. Please fill the form out and submit **by THURSDAY, September 24th** so that our Food Service Department can be prepared for Monday.

Arrival

Daily arrival time for South Meadows is **7:45 - 8:00 AM**. This is when Transportation is scheduled to begin dropping off students at South Meadows. If you plan to bring your child to school, we ask that you also adhere to the 7:45 - 8:00 drop off window. Children can be dropped curbside at either the front office lot, or the back lot off of Pierce Street. Please do not drop your children off on Pierce Street or across from buses. Upon arrival, **students will enter the building on their own and head directly to their classroom.** We will have plenty of staff on hand the first several days to help everyone find their way! Because we will not use lockers at this time, students should plan to take all of their belongings with them into the classroom.

Dismissal

Daily dismissal at South Meadows is **2:15 - 2:30 PM**. Buses will pick up kids during this window. If you are picking up your child, you should create a plan for pick up at either the front office lot, or the back lot. You will pull into the parking lot and follow the line of traffic around the sidewalk. When you get to or near the doors, your child will walk out to your vehicle. We have sidewalks at both of these locations to allow students to get to cars safely. I ask that you do NOT pick your child up on Pierce or Maywood Streets; pick up should only be in our parking lots.

Supplies

- iPad (you can leave the charger and cord at home)
- A clean mask
- Spare clean mask in backpack (we will have extra on hand as well)
- Water bottle (filled with water - no other liquids please)
- School Supplies to leave in the classroom (from previous list)
- Snack (Teacher will notify you if there are food allergies in the room.)

Transportation

If you are using District Transportation, you will be contacted in the next few days by the Transportation Department. Please do not call the office or the bus garage (734-433-2274) unless you do not hear from someone by Thursday afternoon.

So looking forward to seeing our kids!!!!!!

Stacie