



January 8, 2021

Dear North Creek Families,

Our first week of teaching and learning in 2021 went well. It was wonderful to see our students and hear about their winter break adventures.

Shifting to Hybrid

As you know, on Monday, January 11, our hybrid students will be transitioning back to the building. We are excited to welcome back our hybrid students. I sent a video with reminders for hybrid families via email yesterday.

School hours are 7:30 - 2:00. Please make sure your child is on time.

Last names A - L will come to the building on Mondays/Wednesdays.

Last names M - Z will come to the building Tuesdays/Thursdays.

Instruction for Hybrid Students (In person vs. not in person days)

Just a reminder that when we are in hybrid mode, hybrid students who are not in the building will be spending significantly less time online. Your child's classroom teacher will share a schedule of the times your child needs to log into Zoom for lessons. After each "mini lesson" your child will be asked to work on something independently (off the device). This will allow our teachers to focus on the students who are in the classroom at that time. This will feel different to our students, as they have been spending much more time on the Zoom while we are in virtual mode. Thank you for your assistance from home as we shift back to this method of teaching and learning.

Reminders for Virtual Learning Days

Learning zones should be as free of distractions as possible.

Attendance is required throughout the entire day.

Even when your child has headphones on, we can still hear conversations in close proximity when students are not muted. Please be mindful of what you say and your language in front of our little ones.

Mask Reminders

Our students are required to wear masks inside and outside the building now. That means they will be wearing masks at recess. Please also remember that gaiter style masks are not longer aloud. They have been found to not be as safe.



Social and Emotional

I'm sharing this article, from our School Psychologist, Mrs. Krarup-Joyce. We think it might be helpful for our families. I also encourage you to follow Mrs. Krarup-Joyce on Twitter. She frequently shares helpful tips and information for families.

Twitter: [KKJ@NC_SMSupport](#)

[Managing Feelings - Why Kids Grieve in Unexpected Ways](#)

Lunch and Breakfast

The grant funding for free breakfast and lunch has been continued. All CSD students are eligible for free breakfast and lunch throughout the remainder of the school year. If you would like your child to receive free breakfast and/or lunch, please inform your child's teacher.

Resource for Families - Michigan Learning Channel

This is a historic time for Detroit Public TV and for every public television station across our great state.

This week marks the official launch of the Michigan Learning Channel. In cooperation with the state's other public television stations, for the first time we will be making instructional content available to every home and school in Michigan, to enrich the lives and education of all our children.

In Southeast Michigan, the MLC will be broadcast starting today on Channel 56.5. Public television stations across Michigan are expected to broadcast the Michigan Learning Channel within a few days.

[January Schedule for Michigan Learning Channel](#)

Food Service	Food distribution is available on Mondays from 1:00 - 3:00 at CHS.
Hybrid Schedule	Schools hours 7:30 - 2:00. *Class zoom meetings will still begin at 8:00.
Expectation for Attendance	Students should log on at the correct times and are expected to participate throughout the day.

Thank A Teacher

We love our teachers! Having so much support for our teachers during this challenging time has meant so much to us. DPTV and the Michigan Learning Channel



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are promoting "Thank a Teacher Week." If you are interested in thanking a teacher in this way, please see the following link.

<https://www.dptv.org/education/submit/?mlcshort>

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Positive Behavior Expectations: Be safe. Be Responsible. Be Respectful. Be Kind.

Important Dates

January 13 - 22 NWEA Winter Testing window

January 18 No School for Students (MLK Day)

January 28 - Parent Teacher Conferences

February 16 Young 5 and Kindergarten Information Night 6:30 (virtually)

Go Bulldogs!

Kimberly Gillow, Principal