



April 16, 2021

Dear North Creek Families,

Our students are continuing to work hard to grow academically in the classroom and away from school. We appreciate your support of their learning throughout the school year. As we continue in hybrid mode here in the building, please know that we are doing our best to keep students healthy and safe in our care.

Phasing Into Additional Days of Face to Face Instruction - Delayed

As stated in Dr. Helber's most recent communication, we will be waiting to phase back into full face to face instruction, due to the current COVID numbers in our county. We are currently targeting April 26 to make this transition, but of course, it will depend on whether or not the data indicates it is safe to increase the number of students in the building.

All students will remain in their current class placements and in their current learning model, until we make the next transition as a district. So, if you were one of the families whose child would have a different teacher and/or learning model that will not happen until we make the next transition as a district.

Our administrative team will re-evaluate the data next week to determine whether or not we can make the transition safely on April 26. Please keep in mind that once we return to face-to-face instruction, all classes, aside from the virtual classrooms, will be back to teaching face to face and no longer use Zoom unless a student is officially quarantined by our nurse or another medical professional. Students will not Zoom for special area classes when we transition, unless they are in an all virtual classroom.

Arrival - CHANGE FOR APRIL 19

We will still be making the change for arrival at North Creek on April 19. This will give us at least one week with less traffic to iron out any hiccups in the process. It will still be a long process, so expect delays and please be patient.

IMPORTANT ARRIVAL CHANGE FOR CAR DROP OFF: Starting on April 19, car drop off will take place in the back of the building. We will use the same process as we do for dismissal. We have more space in the back lot for cars to wait in line. Parents should pull up to the curb along the back of the building and when you are in the "UNLOADING ZONE" a staff member will open the car door to greet your child. **PLEASE DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILD OFF WHERE THERE ARE NO STAFF MEMBERS** and tell them to walk up alone. With so many vehicles moving, it is not safe for the children to walk unattended.

Dismissal will still take place in the back as it has been all year. However, please know that it will definitely take much longer when we double the amount of traffic.



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Health and Safety

Please continue to keep your child home if he/she has any symptoms of illness, has been exposed to someone as a close contact or if your child and/or a family member are waiting for Covid test results. We appreciate that our families have been extremely cautious this year.

Kids Heart Challenge

Each year North Creek Elementary takes part in what in the past has been called Jump Rope for Heart through the American Heart Association. This event is now called the Kids Heart Challenge. Please see the attached letter from Mr. Burris about this special event for our students.

Help Needed

Lunch Helpers - In order to keep our students safe during lunch when we have more students in the building, we need additional lunch helpers to supervise students. Please reach out to Marcus Kaemming, our Superintendent of Human Resources, and me if you are interested in applying as a lunch helper at North Creek. The hours are Monday - Thursday from 10:45 - 12:45.

Grand Rapids Academic Summer Program (GRASP)

GRASP is a summer math and reading correspondence program for children finishing grades Kindergarten through 8th. If you are interested in ordering summer learning packets for your child, Chelsea Community Education is offering an opportunity to purchase/order those packets via the following links through April 30.

Math Only:

http://apm.activecommunities.com/chelseacommunityeducation/Activity_Search/14974

Reading Only:

http://apm.activecommunities.com/chelseacommunityeducation/Activity_Search/14975

Math & Reading:

http://apm.activecommunities.com/chelseacommunityeducation/Activity_Search/14976



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School Pictures

School pictures arrived yesterday! If you are an all virtual student, they will be in your child's Materials Pick Up bag today. If your child is a hybrid student, their pictures will be sent home on either Monday or Tuesday next week.

Safety Town Returns

Good news! Safety Town is returning this summer. This beloved program is not only an important experience to teach safety to the children of our community. It's also a Chelsea tradition. Since the current Young 5 and Kindergarten students missed this opportunity last summer, we are offering 2 sessions. One for Young 5 and Kindergarten students who are entering North Creek in the fall of 2021 and one for the students who are currently in Young 5 and Kindergarten.

Chelsea Elementary PTO

PTO is also looking for donations for Teacher Appreciation Week, which is in May.

[You can sign up on the link here.](#)

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

Important Dates

*April 26 Target date to return to face to face instruction.

*This return date depends on whether or not it is safe to return.

April 27 - Picture Retake Day for In Person Students

Mask up and stay safe!

Go Bulldogs!

Kimberly Gillow, Principal