

Message from the Meadows

...a weekly update from Mrs. Battaglia

April 16, 2021

Happy Friday, South Meadows' Families,

Nothing like the ever-changing Michigan weather. I hope the weekend will bring us a little sunshine and warm-up!

Return to Face-to-Face Instruction

As you heard from Dr. Helber earlier this week, our date for returning to full face-to-face instruction has been pushed back to Monday April 26. We will continue to monitor data and numbers each week to determine the safety of bringing everyone back together. The staff and I continue to look forward to this happening! When we do return, it will be 5 days per week, with 4 full-days (keeping the current 2:15 dismissal) Monday through Thursday and a half day (11:15 dismissal) on Friday.

Other reminders:

ZOOM: Once we return to face-to-face instruction, all classes, aside from the Virtual classrooms, will be back to traditional teaching and will **no longer use Zoom!**

Supplies: Please help remind your child to bring headphones, iPad charger and iPad cord back to school.

Absences: Beginning April 26, if your child is sick (for non COVID related reasons) or you are on vacation, the absence will be treated like an absence in a traditional school year. Your child will be marked absent and the classroom teacher will make sure your child is caught up on what they have missed.

Quarantine: If your child has to go into quarantine as determined by a medical professional, and is feeling well enough to participate in school instruction, the classroom teacher will provide zoom access for the duration of the quarantine. Please note that we will continue to rely on the daily COVID screener, our school nurse, and the County Health Department to monitor our students and staff.

Arrival/Dismissal: Drop off and Pick up will continue as we currently do them. Please be sure to have access to your family number as you drive up for PM pick up:) As mentioned last week, we will probably need some extra patience and grace as we increase our numbers for both of these already busy times of day!

School Picture Retakes

The SchoolPictures photographers will return **THIS Monday and Tuesday, April 19th and 20th** for retakes and for those students who were unable to be here on the original dates. Pictures will be taken between 8:15 - 11:30 AM both days. If your student is a Hybrid learner we will get him/her from class to have their picture taken. If you are a virtual family who needs retakes, or to have a picture taken, you can show up either day between 8:15 and 11:30. Please use the front parking lot and either call or ring the bell when you arrive. We will meet your child at the door, take him/her down for pictures and walk them right back out. All students who are having pictures retaken will need to **bring the original picture package** back on retake day. Please call (433-2205) or email (lmurray@chelsea.k12.mi.us) Lis in the office if you have any questions.

M-Step Testing

Unfortunately the State of Michigan was not granted a waiver to forego testing this year. We will begin our testing with 5th grade the week of April 26th. Look for more detailed information from your classroom teachers next week.

Media Center Books

Mrs. Bradley sent missing book reminders home last week. Please be sure to send in any books you may still have at home.

Parent Education Series

Our next informative session is scheduled for Thursday, April 22nd. Read all the details [HERE](#)

GRASP

If you are interested in signing your child up for summer learning through GRASP, registration is now open. Signing up through our Community Ed Department saves a bit of the cost for families. Deadline to register is April 30th. Please contact Community Ed with additional questions.

[Math and Reading](#)

[Math ONLY](#)

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SRSLY is sponsoring Movie Night this Saturday! [WHEELS and REELS](#)

Take good care and have a great week,
Mrs. Battaglia