

Hello 1st-4th Grade Main Campus Families,

We hope that you are doing well! As promised, we have been monitoring the situation over the past few weeks. Here are a few key points:

- 1. We are headed into week THREE of our kindergarten scholars safely and successfully participating in in-person learning.
- 2. Although the number of COVID cases in the state has continued to increase, Milwaukee County's positive test rate has remained relatively flat between 5% and 7%.
- 3. Based on the latest 1st 4th grade parent survey, less than 50% of students are opting into in-person learning. This allows for even smaller class sizes than originally planned.

Because student safety is our highest priority, we want to continue to move forward cautiously. After much deliberation, we will plan to do a slower release of our 1st - 4th grade classrooms back to in-person learning. Here are the revised reopening dates for grades 1-4:

## Please note the following:

- This is only for those families that have chosen the option of in-person learning on the latest 1st-4th grade parent survey entitled, "Main Campus Primary Learning Commitment."
- We are starting with the grade levels that have the smallest number of students that have opted into in-person learning
- Until students return (based on dates below), they will continue with remote learning
- Please be aware that once in-person instruction begins it is possible that we will need to return to remote instruction on very short notice. Please be prepared.

## 1st-4th Grade In-Person Start Dates:

2nd Grade → Scholars will begin in-person learning Monday, September 28th

3rd Grade → Scholars will begin in-person learning Monday, October 5th

1st AND 4th Grade → Scholars will begin in-person learning Monday, October 12th

\*\*Fridays are still virtual for all learners

Compared to the original plan of all grade levels starting on September 28th, 3rd grade will have one additional week of remote learning and 1st & 4th grades will have two additional weeks of remote learning. We understand this may be an inconvenience for some families and for that we apologize. We, again, are working to create a plan that is safe for all students, families, and staff.



## SPECIAL NOTE TO 1ST - 4TH GRADE FAMILIES THAT HAVE KINDERGARTEN SIBLINGS:

If you were planning to have your kindergarten scholar start in-person learning with their 1st-4th grade sibling, your kindergartener has 2 options!

- 1. Start in-person on September 28th (no matter when your 1st-4th grader starts)
- 2. Start in-person when your 1st-4th grade scholar starts. For example:
  - 1. If you have a K4 or K5 student and a 3rd grader, they could both start on October 5th
  - 2. If you have a K4 or K5 student and a 1st or 4th grader, they both could start on October 12th

You will note your preference in <u>THIS</u> survey. You also received this survey in a separate email to kindergarten families. You only need to complete this survey once.

With the change to a slower release on to campus, we will have an additional material pick up, THIS Friday, September 25th from 7:30 am- 1:00 pm for the following students:

2nd grade → all remote learners

1st, 3rd, & 4th grades  $\rightarrow$  all learners

Please note, if you have siblings, there will also be a pick up for K4 & K5 remote learners as well as all 6th & 7th grade learners.

## **Remote Learners**

Families opting into remote learning will now start at 8:00 am with their in-person peers. All previous expectations for remote learning remain; communication about daily attendance, daily work completion and appropriate attire. Material pick up will be in place as necessary and communicated accordingly.

Reminder, this learning window goes until October 23rd. This date was previously October 16th but was moved because of where Fall Break lands.

Please reach out if you have any questions!

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