

COVID Advisory Team

We met on October 29 and you have received the letter from Heather Nessler regarding the COVID dashboard that is going to be available to staff and the public. Hopefully, the information that is provided will help everyone understand what the rates are and how it affects our learning models. Remember, that once a decision is made to switch into a new model that staff and families will be given time to adjust to the changes.

Another important piece of Heather's note, is that she will be sending out definition of close contact and contact tracing. Both items are something that everyone should read and be familiar with since numbers are up in our area. In our meeting yesterday, there was a renewed emphasis on making sure everyone is staying masked. This is one of the strongest mitigation techniques that is available.

Issues and Ideas

Thank you to everyone that has taken the time to be involved in helping candidates this political season. Last Saturday's event had a great response and Wednesday's action for Aleta Borud had a large gathering. It is much appreciated! With that said, make sure you have voted and have encouraged someone else to vote! November 3 can't come soon enough!

Many people have inquired if we will have snow days this year. In listening to the Governor, it sounds like he has cleared the way to make our snow days become DL days. I believe the rationale is that students have missed some important educational concepts since last March, so it is important to not lose more time. There are many facets to this discussion, but some questions that arise are: How will the timeline work for us in the Hybrid setting? What about the DL staff that work in the building? Should hybrid staff put some essential lessons in a repository, in case of a storm blowing in on the weekend? How early would staff get notification, so they could bring their technology home? Please be patient as we work through those scenarios. More information will be coming.

Administration changes

Steve Willman is now the interim principal at Elton Hills. Please spend some time getting to know him! Andrew Neumann will be the administrator for the DL staff. He will be the one to answer questions for all the DL staff through the end of the year.

I have met with more groups this week! Thank you for the invitations and the discussions we have been having. As I meet, I am hearing common threads amongst our buildings and different levels. Our staff is stressed, tired and anxious about what is going to happen next. I have been bringing that discussion back to Jacque Peterson, Karl Bakken and Karla Bolleson. I have a meeting set up to talk with C and I to hopefully get some answers there as well.

Please be careful if you are out celebrating this week end! Keep a close eye out for trick or treaters that may be out in the neighborhoods. Finally, don't forget to set your clock back.....yeah - 1 hour extra to sleep!

Thank you for what you do everyday!

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