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Family Newsletter: February 19, 2021

Hello FDS Families,

FDS Principal News: Despite being very short staffed this week, our team at FDS did a terrific job of keeping our school safe and operable for the students on our campus for in-person instruction. We are all looking forward to seeing each and every one of our students back for daily in-person instruction starting next Friday.

Below is important information regarding current matters.

Upcoming Important Dates: February 22 @ 3:00p – Facilities Committee meeting, February 26 – All students invited to return for daily in-person instruction on campus, March 3 @ 8:15a to 9:45a – Picture Make-up Day, March 4 – End of 2nd Trimester, March 7 to 13 - Parent sign-ups for Conference Week, March 8 @ 6:45p (changed from 6:30p) – Board meeting, March 11 @ 3:00p – PTO, March 15 to 19 - Parent Conference Week (Minimum Days – 12:45p dismissal), March 18 @ 3:00p – School Site Council, March 29 @ 3:00p – Facilities Committee meeting, March 29 to April 6 – Spring Break, and April 6 – Make-up Day (School is open).

Board Meeting: The next regular Board meeting is Monday, March 8 starting at 6:45p. Please note the new 15 minute later start time. Due to the current COVID-19 (C19) landscape, the meeting will be held via Zoom teleconferencing. Agenda and access information will be on the district website no later than March 5 at 5:00p.

Picture Make-up Day (March 3): Make-up pictures will start at 8:15a and will end at 9:45a. Students in the Distance Learning @ Home (DL@H) program may check in with the office to be escorted for make-up pictures after the health screening and temperature checks are conducted during that same timeframe.

Morning Drop-off: Please be sure to drop off your child no earlier than 7:45a each morning as staff are not available to supervise and help until that time. Some families have dropped off children as early as 7:30a and leaving them to stand out in very cold weather...at times, in the low 30s.

ALL STUDENTS INVITED BACK TO CAMPUS FOR DAILY IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION: As a follow up to the robo-call from last Friday, all students are invited back for daily in-person instruction on campus starting next Friday, February 26. It's been a long journey from being required to have all students on Distance Learning at the start of the school year to methodically being able to invite back all of our students with the 6 "Safe Successful Small Steps" (Small Groups 1 – 6) stages of returning children for daily in-person instruction at FDS. I am currently unaware of any school district in the region to have reached the same status. All of us as staff, families, and community should be very proud of this accomplishment.

Please see below for additional information regarding returning to school for in-person instruction.

Last 65 School Days – The Final Push: We now have just 65 more school days left in the school year. While all grades will be making their final instructional push for the school year, grades 3 through 8 will soon begin their preparations for the upcoming State assessments to be conducted late April/early May over a five-week period for FDS. With almost all our students on campus daily starting next Friday, we have much and even more to protect. We need to protect the safety and health of approximately 400 students and staff that will be on

campus each day. We need to protect the much-valued student in-person instruction time with their teachers. We need to protect the ability for our students to socialize and maintain in-person friendships on a daily basis. Yes, we important treasures to protect.

With that in mind, I respectfully and with all sincerity ask that all families commit fully in doing their part to keep the students and staff on campus as safe and healthy as possible by continuing the terrific support of complying with face covering mandates and keeping your children home if they develop any symptoms and/or you have reason to believe that C19 infection is a possibility. We're all in this together. We have succeeded together thus far. Let's make the final push together so that we can succeed together for the rest of this school year...65 more school days is all I ask. It's worth it. The children are worth it!

Positivity, can-do spirit, supportiveness, and kindness: It's been great all school year. Let's continue to support our terrific culture as it has been a major contributor to many of our successes.

I want to continue to steadfastly assure you that we at FDS are always committed to serving your children and you.

Thanks. Jack

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Memo: Small Group 6 (All Students) Information for the Start of School on Friday, February 26, 2021

Hello FDS Families,

We are excited to invite all remaining students from our school to return for daily full schedule in-person instruction on campus starting on Friday, February 26, 2021.

In preparation for the return of your child to school, please read carefully and thoroughly the below important information that places due consideration for the COVID-19 (C19) landscape.

- **School starts each day at 8:05 a.m.** Staff will be in the Roundabout and front area to help guide traffic and students. In order to minimize as much additional people at school as possible for C19 measures, families are encouraged to drop students off rather than walking onto campus with them. While waiting outside to enter the campus, **all are required to wear masks if social distancing of 6 feet is not maintained or possible.** Students may arrive as early as 7:45 a.m. for the start of school.

- **School ends each day at 2:30 p.m. (2:00 p.m. on Fridays).** Staff will be in the Roundabout and front area to help guide traffic and students. In order to minimize as much additional people at school as possible for C19 measures, families are encouraged to pick up students in their cars rather than walking onto campus. While waiting outside of your car, **all are required to wear masks if social distancing of 6 feet is not maintained or possible.**

- **Bus Transportation:** Please contact the front office if you need bus transportation. Due to space limitations to maintain as much social distancing as possible on the bus, please only request bus transportation as a last option for getting to and back from school. With all of our students now invited back to school for in-person instruction, requests for bus transportation may be high, and you may be put on a waiting list if the ridership on your route is over 35 students.

- **Student Entry on Campus:** Students in grades TK – 3rd will enter through the gate near the front office while students in 4th – 8th will enter through the gate near the gym. Please look for the paw prints on the ground to help with social distancing.

- **Health Screening Protocols** are required for all students and staff.

* Staff will conduct health screening questions and temperature checks for all students prior to being admitted on campus. Screenings and/or checks may be conducted immediately after the start of school if there are low weather temperatures, rain, or inclement weather.

* **Please be sure your child has appropriate face coverings for school each day.** As required by law, ALL students must wear face coverings while in the classroom, outside, or other areas on the campus.

* Any student with C19 symptoms while on campus will be quarantined and must be picked up immediately thereafter. C19 protocols will be followed thereafter based on the specific circumstances. Please see the attached “Symptoms Notice - COVID - 19.”

- Please have your child bring their Distance Learning at Home (DL@H) materials to school such as Chromebooks with charger, headphones, books, pencils/erasers/pen, and wipes. Though now in-person at school, students may still join their classmates for live Zoom instruction as well as accessing iReady and other technology tools throughout each week. However, please know that in-person students will benefit greatly from having their teacher accessible in-person for additional instruction and support.

- Please have your child bring their own water bottle (or two) for personal use daily as drinking fountains will not be an option. As a reminder, no soda or sugar drinks are allowed on campus for student consumption.

- No Sharing Practices: Students may bring backpacks but are highly encouraged to only bring required and necessary items. Items in the backpack and materials from the classroom will not be physically shared between students.

- Breakfast: Individual “Grab and Go” cold breakfast will be provided in the classroom daily upon request.

- Lunch: Individual “Grab and Go” lunch will be provided on campus daily upon request.

- Kindergarten and 7th grade Immunization and TDAP Requirements: Students will not be able to start school on campus until written proof of all required immunizations have been submitted to the front office. Students will remain in DL@H until submissions have been confirmed by the front office.

- Data Confirmation: Students will not be able to start school on campus until Data Confirmation has been completed. Students will remain in DL@H until submissions have been confirmed by the front office.

- **Important Teamwork:** In order to situate our school to be in the best position to remain continuously open for in-person instruction on campus, it will be important for each family to keep their children at home when sick or even having any remote symptoms of COVID-19. Please know that when students are on campus with detected COVID-19 symptoms, there is strong likelihood that it will affect the ability of other students on campus to remain in school. In the worst-case scenario, the entire campus may need to shut down for an undetermined number of days. I respectfully ask that all families participate in being as cautious and as safe as possible not only for the sake of your own child but also for the sake of other children and staff on campus.

Positivity, can-do spirit, supportiveness, and kindness continue to be terrific from our school, families, and community. Please know that our staff has encountered uncountable new situations and routines since March of the last school year. We will continue to encounter new situations and routines as more students come to campus and/or the C19 landscape changes. This will most likely be a continually evolving and shifting process throughout the entire school year. I ask families for continued patience and understanding as we overcome these unprecedented times together...for all of our sakes...especially the children.

I want to steadfastly assure you that we at FDS are always committed to serving your children and you. Please contact your teacher if you have any questions or would like more information. Thanks. Jack

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Symptoms Notice – COVID-19

Dear Parent/Guardian of _____,

You are receiving this letter because we were notified that your student is experiencing one or more of the following symptoms: fever (100.4 degrees F or higher) or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.

The symptoms noted above are in line with symptoms that could potentially indicate a person infected with the SARS-Co-2 virus that causes COVID-19. Please contact your student's health care provider to see if testing is recommended and available.

- Local public health authority guidance indicates that if an individual tests positive for COVID-19, they must stay home until ALL of the following criteria are met:
 - At least 10 days have passed since their symptoms started AND
 - At least 24 hours have passed since they last had a fever (without taking anti-fever medication) AND
 - Their symptoms are improving

- If your student does not get tested for COVID-19, they will still need to remain at home until the following criteria are met:
 - At least 10 days have passed since their symptoms started AND
 - At least 24 hours have passed since they last had a fever (without taking anti-fever medication) AND
 - Their symptoms are improving

- If your student gets tested after experiencing symptoms and the result is negative, your student may return to in-person instruction three days after symptoms resolve if there are no other cases of COVID-19 in the school. If your student meets these criteria, please provide a copy of the negative test results to your student's school.

- If your student is experiencing symptoms that are due to another preexisting condition (and the symptoms are not new or different than what they usually have), please obtain a doctor's note that **specifically states your student's symptoms are NOT infectious and NOT due to COVID-19**. If your student has a chronic illness and symptoms are ongoing, please make sure the doctor specifies this in the note you provide to the school.

Please do not send your student to school unless you are sure that they have been cleared to attend. If you have any questions, or your student does not fall into any of the categories described above, please contact your school site or the district school nurse.

Staff Member: _____ Date: _____