

Martinez Families,

Staff and students have made a smooth transition back into school. It feels like we never left! It has brought so much joy to see and hear students in the building again. There is a return of some sort of normalcy and we see it in the form of smiles every day.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

- All conferences will be held virtually this year via WebEx or phone.
- We aim for 100% participation from families.
- Please sign up for a conference with your child's teacher if you have not done so already.

Costume Day

- Staff and students are allowed to wear a costume to school on Wednesday, October 28th.
- No Costume Masks, please.
- No Weapons, please. (not even plastic/mock ones)
- All other dress code requirements still apply.
- Please do not send candy or food in to distribute.
- If you want to send something in, you can send in non-food items to distribute to classmates.

Can my student do Inspire Online while sick?

1. Students that are called in sick do not participate in Inspire for the first day they are absent.
 - a. If their symptoms resolve within 24 hours, they will return to school and our normal time to make up assignments will apply (2 days for every 1 day the student is out sick).
2. If a student is sick for more than 24 hours:
 - a. If they are truly sick, they should not be expected to complete school work and can make up the work when they return (2 days for every 1 day the student is out sick will still apply for make-up work). If they are well enough to complete work, parents may email teachers and ask if there is any work they can complete at home, but teachers have up to 24 hours to prepare work and send home if needed.
 - b. If students have to isolate for 10 days due to symptoms not resolving and the student begins to feel well enough to participate, they will be able to participate in virtual learning until their isolation time expires. You will need to be in contact with your child's teacher for more instructions.
 - c. If there is a group quarantined, students may access virtual learning during that quarantine period.

Rising COVID Numbers:

- El Paso County along with the state of Colorado is seeing a sharp increase in COVID cases.
- Our county is in jeopardy of losing some of our variances due to this spike.
- Our Superintendent along with the Board of Education are closely monitoring our safety status.
- If certain parameters are met, we will monitor for an additional week to determine if the data were an anomaly or if it is indeed trending upwards.
- Once that week passes, Senior Cabinet will decide to either remain full in-person, switch to hybrid (like we did at the beginning of the school year), or switch to full remote learning.
- We are hoping to be able to give families at least a week notice before making the shift.
- I just want you to be aware of the timeline so that you can make necessary arrangements if needed.
- You are welcome to also track our county data using the link below.
 - o <https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/covid-19-dial/covid-19-dial-dashboard>

Veteran's Day In-School Celebrations:

- As the daughter of a veteran, Veteran's Day is a celebration near and dear to my heart.
- We have several activities planned that will be embedded throughout the school day.
- Due to COVID, we are unable to have a full assembly.
- I am in the process of creating a virtual assembly that we will view as a school on November 11th.
- In the afternoon, we will be participating in a "parade" around the school.
- Students will wave individual flags and hold signs honoring our Vets.
- We will exit the building from the front door down through lot A and walk down the sidewalk to Vickers.
- We will continue along the sidewalk and turn onto Rangewood.
- We will return to the building via the lot B parking lot. This will create a one-way flow of traffic for our students.
- **We would love for parents and families to drive by and honk/wave/acknowledge our tribute to our Veterans!**
 - o 11:45am – 4th and 5th Grade
 - o 12:00pm – 3rd Grade
 - o 12:15pm – 2nd Grade
 - o 12:35pm – 1st Grade
 - o 12:55pm – Kinder
 - o 1:15pm – End of parade

Looking Ahead:

PTA (Parent Teacher Association) and SAC (School Accountability Committee) meetings:

- Meet the first Tuesday of every month
- Next meeting: November 10th (rescheduled due to Election Day) via WebEx:
<https://cssd11.webex.com/meet/anna.stewart>
- SAC meets first at 5:15pm
- PTA meets at 6:00pm or after SAC concludes
- Each meeting will run approximately 45 minutes
- We would love for parents to join us for both meetings each month

Important Dates:

October 26-28 – Evening conferences: Normal school day for students

October 28 – Costume Day for Staff and Students

October 29-30 – **No school for students** due to conferences all day

November 4 – PreK Health Screening

November 11 – Veteran's Day Celebrations in school

November 17 – Picture Day

November 23-27 – Thanksgiving Break