

September 28, 2020

Martinez Families,

Thank you all for your patience as we phased back our students safely last week. Overall, it was a great week and our year will continue to get better!

Future Newsletters:

- Now that we are returning back to school full, in-person, I will reduce the number of newsletters sent to families.
- Plan on receiving a newsletter every other week.
- If important information comes up, I will still send separate messages as needed.

PTA BINGO Night:

- Please join us for this free family event! BINGO from the comfort of your own home. Have fun and win prizes.
- Event will be held from 6:30-7:30pm.
- To register: PM us on Facebook OR email martinezpta@gmail.com to request a link to the Webex meeting and for instructions to register. Registration closes on Wednesday, September 30 at 4:00 pm.
- Registration is limited to 100 HOUSEHOLDS and 250 PLAYERS. First come, first served. Don't wait! You won't want to miss this fun event!

Carline Drop Off/Pick Up:

- As we are navigating our phased return to learn, we need your help with the car line.
- If your child is in grades K-2, please use Lot A. If your child is in grades 3-5, please use Lot B. If you have children in both bands, please use Lot A.
- Parents, please do NOT exit your car during afternoon pick up.
- Remember there are two lanes when you enter the parking lot. If you are in carline, please stay in the right lane. If you are parking or passing, please use the left lane. Please do NOT block any lanes of traffic.
- Please watch this video made by Principal Long: <https://www.d11.org/Page/5899>
- Updates to Video Procedures:
 - o Your child is marked tardy at 8:00am starting this year.
 - o Students MUST enter and exit your vehicle on the passenger side only. It is dangerous to staff and students to load students away from the sidewalk.
 - o If you are unable to have your child enter from the passenger side door, we will ask you to park and come walk to get your child.
 - o Questions or concerns can be directed to Mrs. Stewart (anna.stewart@d11.org).
- We need the cooperation of all families during drop off and pick up in order to make the process efficient and safe for all.
- Thank you for your attention to our processes and synergizing to make it safe for all.

Student Absences:

- When your child is ill, please call our attendance line to excuse the absence. 719-328-6135
- Students will NOT log in to virtual learning if they are excused for sickness for the day.
- Sick days are just like they normally have been.
- You are always welcome to email your child's teacher to ask if work can be emailed.
- Otherwise, you child will get 2 days for every day sick to make up their missing work.

Looking Ahead:

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

- Meet the first Tuesday of every month
- Next meeting: October 6th via WebEx: <https://cssd11.webex.com/meet/anna.stewart>
- SAC meets first at 5:15pm
 - o USIP Review
 - o School Data Progress Monitoring
- 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

Clubs and After-School Activities:

- We are currently discussing restarting our after-school clubs as early as 2nd quarter.
- As soon as we are able to ensure staff and student health and safety as well as gauge interest in clubs, we will communicate our final plans.
- Tentative clubs to be offered 2nd quarter: Samurai Strings, Battle of the Books (have already started), Student Lighthouse
- More information to come.

Parent/Teacher Conferences:

- We are in the process of planning conferences.
- Plan on virtual conferences this year due to our limited access to buildings. If our access to buildings guidance shifts between now and then, we will advise you of the changes.
- Times and dates will be communicated via Sign-Up Genius.

Important Dates:

September 30th – Virtual BINGO sponsored by PTA 6:30pm – 7:20pm (must pre-register – see above)

October 1st – Official Count Day (Attendance this day is critical to support our annual funding)

October 14th – Family commitment to in-person or virtual learning for 2nd quarter due

October 16th – Teacher Work Day: No School for students

October 19th – District Furlough Day: No School for students

October 20th – First day of 2nd Quarter

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

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