



July 31, 2020

Dear Parents and Friends,

We hope all is well. Here is the latest news...

Reopening of School Plan

Please see attached our Reopening of School Plan. It has also been placed on our website. Please review this plan and also be advised that detailed protocols are being written to support this plan. Examples of protocols are that masks are required to be worn for children in grades PreK -8 on the bus, and all children in grades K-8 are to wear masks in the classrooms. There will be breaks when students will not have to wear the masks. Students do not have to wear masks at lunch. Lunch will be eaten in the classrooms. There will be recess; however, there will be no access to the playscapes, swings, and the basketball court. Teachers in the middle school, grades 5-8, are switching classrooms, not the students. Also please be advised that if your child is sick, he or she must stay home. These are just a few of the protocols/ requirements. All protocols will be completed and on the website by the first day of school. But please in the meantime, review the plan. If you have questions, please contact Superintendent Sally Keating.

Survey

We plan to send out a survey regarding whether you are sending your child back to school with use of the in-person model or if we utilize the hybrid model which is a combination of in-person and virtual instruction. Other questions such as whether your child will utilize the bus will also be asked. This survey will be identical or very similar to a past one which you completed. The difference is that the information from this survey will definitely be used to start the school year. Please look for this survey by early next week and complete it by August 10th. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

School Calendar

We have revised the school calendar for this upcoming school year. Please see that the first day of school for students is now September 1st for students. (Teachers will be attending professional development days on August 24th through August 31st. Due to the COVID impact, there is much training to be done regarding protocols in addition to the typical yearly topics.) Also, there will be half days on September 1st to September 4th for students. Another change is that students will now be going to school on March 12th which originally was scheduled as a PD Day. The last day of school remains the same because the State has approved our school year to be 178 days instead of 181 days. If you have questions, please contact the front office.

Hires

We have hired Ms. Lauren Knerr as a special education teacher for this coming school year. We have also hired Mrs. Dawn MacLean as a part-time educational assistant. We are happy to have both of them on board at LCS!

That is the news for now. Stay safe, healthy and hopeful. Have a great weekend.

Sal and Brian