

FINE'S LINES

April 7, 2021

Parents,

We have 29 school days remaining in the 2020-2021 academic year. Time has really flown by since the children have returned to in-person instruction! This message may be longer than usual, but I wanted to keep you posted on the goings on at Glendover. As we know, things change. If district guidance impacts any of the information provided below, I will let you know.

COVID-19 UPDATES

Beginning April 8, we will no longer take temperatures as children enter the building each morning.

- Students must still wear masks.
- Students will still be expected to maintain appropriate social distance.

With less than 30 days remaining, we will not make any changes to morning arrival for the remainder of the year.

- All students will enter through the front door.
- Arrival time will be staggered with buses arriving at 7:05 and cars arriving about 7:15 or when all buses have unloaded.

Beginning April 19, if there is no evidence of a community surge that would warrant keeping precautions in place, we will make the following modifications to our safety protocols:

1. Desk shields will be removed from all desks.
 - a. We will continue to use individual desks school wide for the remainder of the year. Teachers will ensure that desks are socially distanced to the extent possible.
 - b. Parents or students may request a desk shield if they wish to have one.
2. Students will not be required to wear masks while on the playground.
 - a. Students may continue to wear masks as a personal choice or parental preference.
3. Classes will continue to be assigned an area on the playground to prevent co-mingling of classes.
 - a. Equipment may be used by classes. This equipment will be cleaned each day and students will be required to wash their hands when they return from recess.
4. With less than 30 days remaining in the school year, we will continue to serve breakfast and lunch in the classrooms each day to minimize co-mingling of classes.

END OF YEAR UPDATES

Per FCPS Covid-19 Guidance:

1. **Field trips** are not permitted during the 2020-2021 school year. This includes walking field trips (i.e., Arboretum)
2. **Field Day** – Mr. Newsome is organizing this and we will communicate dates/rain dates at a later time.
 - a. No volunteers will be allowed.

- b. No co-mingling of classes

3. Fifth Grade Promotion and End of Year Celebrations

- a. These activities will be virtual or live-streamed. The fifth grade team will keep parents updated.
- b. No in-person celebrations with guests.
- c. No co-mingling of classes.
- d. Virtual Students will be included in all celebrations.

4. Assessments

- a. The MAP testing window for reading and math is April 19 – April 30. Your child's teacher will let you know when they have scheduled these assessments.
 - i. The purpose of MAP at this time is to give us an accurate picture of the impact virtual learning has had on our students. It will provide teachers with information they will need as they begin to plan instruction for the 2021-2022 school year.
- b. K-PREP for students in Grades 3-5 will be given on May 3rd and 4th.
 - i. State assessments have been significantly shortened and are limited to reading and math (grades 3-5), science (grade 4), and on-demand writing (grade 5).
 - ii. The purpose of state assessment is to help us understand the impact of Covid-19 on learning, especially for our most vulnerable student populations.