

January 8th, 2021

Happy Friday Stober Families,

I want to begin by wishing all of you a peaceful and joyful new year. As I think back on 2020, while it was quite a challenging year with many ups and downs, one constant for me was this incredible school community. I can not thank you all enough for your continued support, patience, and grace as we have navigated this ever-changing time. Please know that the staff and I are always here to support you and work in partnership to continue to support our students to thrive.

A few important upcoming reminders:

- January 13th 7pm-**PTA Meeting**-a Zoom link for the meeting will be sent Wednesday morning
- January 14th 11am-7pm-**Dine to Donate** at Panda Express, Colorado Mills
 - <https://community.pandaexpress.com/fundraiser/events/promotions/25b21202-135e-d318-cf45-0ec9784ca56e/en/landing>
- January 18th-**No School**-MLK Day
- January 19th-**In-Person Learning Resumes**

Community Garden

As many of you know, we have been working in active partnership over the last few years with Sustainable Applewood to build a Community Garden on our school campus. Construction for the garden is underway, and the Community Garden Team, led by members of the Applewood community are working hard to secure additional funding for the garden. As part of this process, evidence of community support is needed in order to apply for community grants. Please consider signing the following petition to note your support of this project. Additionally, any comments that you might include on the petition are also appreciated. As a school, we are excited about the opportunities ahead that the garden will afford for our students.

https://www.change.org/p/neighbors-of-applewood-build-a-community-garden-at-stober-elementary-school?utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=custom_url&recruited_by_id=a90b7010-ffda-11e4-980d-a510dd14b98a

Introduction

As you know, last semester we were grateful to have the additional support of Sherry Carter at Stober, assisting with administrative duties related to Covid as well as supporting our staff and students. We are so thankful for the help and support offered by Ms. Carter and wish her the absolute best in her new district assignment this semester!

We are excited to welcome Ms. Kristina Riley to Stober as our Assistant Principal for the 2nd semester of the 20-21 school-year. Ms. Riley will be a welcome addition, supporting students and staff as we continue to navigate these ever-changing times. Welcome Kristina!

Reminders for In-Person Return

We are looking forward to welcoming in-person students back to the building on Tuesday, January 19th. I wanted to take this opportunity to provide everyone with important reminders about the return to school, as student and staff health and safety will continue to be the top priority.

This is a reminder that **if your child has any signs of illness, please keep them home until all symptoms have resolved.** Please call your student's absence into our attendance line each day with as many details as possible, including all possible COVID-19 symptoms: fever; cough; runny nose; shortness of breath; new or recent loss of taste or smell; sore throat; nausea and/or diarrhea.

Note: Per district guidance, in addition to temperature screening, students will be asked:

"Before you left home this morning, did you have a cough, sore throat or runny nose?"

Students that respond with "Yes" will have to go home.

Please remember that all students **MUST** have a mask to wear during the school day. Mask breaks will be taken. Please remember that face coverings should:

- Be clean and in good repair.
- Fit snugly, but comfortably against the side of the face, be secure and should cover the wearer's nose and mouth.
- Allow for breathing without restriction.
- Be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape. They should be routinely washed depending on the frequency of use.
- Be on the wearer's face.

****New Guideline- Per Jeffco Schools-Bandanas, Gaiters, and valved masks are no longer considered adequate face coverings for school. ****

If you are in need of a mask, we are more than happy to provide one to your student!

Lastly, in order to limit crowds and maintain as much social distance as possible, please be sure to adhere to the drop-off and pick-up times for your student(s). Families with more than one student will be released at the end of the day at the dismissal time of the youngest child.

Student Arrival (by last name):

Dismissal:

7:45am – A-D

2:50pm – KG & 1st

7:55am – E-L

2:55pm – 2nd & 3rd

8:05am - M-R

3:00pm – 4th & Bus Riders

8:15am – S-Z

3:05pm – 5th

As always, I hope you enjoy a wonderful weekend.

Anne