Happy Friday Stober Families! I want to begin by thanking the many of you that joined us on Wednesday at our Dine to Donate! We hope that you enjoyed your meal, and appreciate your support. A continued thank you to Sarah McVeigh for her coordination of these events! I want to remind everyone that there is No School on Monday, January 18th as it is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We will look forward to welcoming both our in-person and remote students back to school on Tuesday, January 19th.

Coming Up:

January 18th-No School-MLK Day
January 19th-In person learning resumes & Science Fair Kick Off
January 26th-Deadline to Register for 2021 Science Fair
January 28th- 5pm-PTA Night of Magic with *Keir Royale, Magician*January 29th-Non Student Contact Day-No School

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

Arrival and Dismissal Doors:

West Hug N'Go Entrance-3rd, 4th, 5th

Cafeteria Door-LeVett, SAE, Breakfast

Main Entrance-Smith, 1st, 2nd

3rd Trimester Learning Environment Preference Change

It is hard to believe that the 3rd trimester is right around the corner! If you are requesting a change in learning environment for the 3rd trimester, please complete the survey here no later than January 29th. **Only families requesting a change from remote to in-person or from in-person to remote need to complete the survey**. 3rd trimester changes will go into effect on Monday, March 1st. We will do our absolute best to accommodate all requests.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeZZEqEdmYdyx9B2wAt-1L9HiMirtLSkRh_Fcyswz PfJrxTtA/viewform?usp=sf_link

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-element ary-school?utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=custom_url&recruited_by_id=a90b7010-f fda-11e4-980d-a510dd14b98a

Also, you can learn more about the garden and follow the progress on the new garden website. stobergarden.org.

I hope everyone enjoys a relaxing long weekend,

Anne