



FOREST HILLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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All learners achieving individual potential

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Dear Forest Hills Families,

Thank you for your support as we wrap up our first week of a new year of learning! The purpose of this letter is to share information on two topics: COVID-19 transmission and a long-term plan for our K-6 families.

COVID-19 Transmission - The Kent County Health Department reports that the current drivers of COVID-19 transmission are teenagers and people in their 20's. Indoor gatherings of friends who are not socially distancing and not wearing face coverings are driving transmissions. As we begin a holiday weekend, please remain vigilant and continue practicing the mitigation strategies of wearing face coverings, social distancing, and washing hands. These proven mitigation methods will allow us to keep our schools open and increase the amount of in-person learning. Let's keep our kids in school!

Elementary Program Update - Our hybrid plan worked well at the K-6 level this week. Students are adjusting to the new procedures and teachers are making strong progress getting to know students and beginning to understand their learning needs. Here is our plan for returning to a normal school schedule for all K-6 students.

Kindergarten - 6th Grade Program Schedule					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 3 Sept. 14 - 18	Group A - School Group B - Remote	Group B - School Group A - Remote	All K-6 students come to school	Group A - School Group B - Remote	Group B - School Group A - Remote
Week 4 Sept. 21-25	Group A - School Group B - Remote	Group B - School Group A - Remote	All K-6 students come to school	Group A - School Group B - Remote	Group B - School Group A - Remote
Week 5 Sept. 28	All K-6 students attend school every day, Monday - Friday. Required mitigation strategies remain in place.				

This plan will allow teachers and students to practice safety measures with full classrooms of students for two weeks prior to returning to a regular schedule. As stated previously, families can expect to receive an update on September 11 regarding plans for our middle and high school students. Currently, the hybrid model remains in place for students in grades 7-12 through September 25, 2020.

I hope you have a relaxing holiday weekend. Stay healthy!

Sincerely,

Dan Behm
Superintendent