

Sea Star News

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Note from Principal Greer



CRECC staff is comprised of a team of dedicated professionals who love kids, respect each other, and strive for excellence. Our families are so thoughtful, welcoming, and supportive of our mission, our staff and our students. This place is more than just a school; it is a source of peace, joy, creativity, and inspiration. These qualities make it incredibly difficult for me to say good-bye. On Monday, October 5, I will transition to the principalship at Codington Elementary school. Shannon Smiles, the Director of Early Childhood Education, will be supporting the administrative needs at CRECC next week as the NHCS Board of Education considers and names an Interim Principal. Mrs. Smiles' email address is: shannon.smiles@nhcs.net. The district will then begin interviewing to find an amazing person to serve as your new school leader.

Face to Face & Remote Learning

Last week we emailed group assignments for students to attend school. The first group will attend school on A Days (Monday and Tuesday). The second group will attend on B days (Thursday and Friday). Wednesdays will be a remote learning day for all. If you did not receive your group assignments, please contact your child's teacher. To read more about the return to school, please visit nhcs.net/nhcsreadyssetreturn.

Arrival & Dismissal Times

- Arrival: 7:30 AM—8:00 AM
- Dismissal: 2:10 PM

Report Card Distribution

Report cards from the first quarter will be sent home with your children on their first face to face day.

Guiding Documents

If you would like to explore the guiding documents our county is using to make decisions for safety including masks, social distancing, and attendance, please find the guidance for PreK and K as follows:

- [Lighting Our Way Forward](#)
- [ChildCareStrongNC Public Health Toolkit \(PreK\)](#)
- [Strong Schools NC: Public Health Toolkit \(K-12\)](#)
- [Reference Guide for Suspected, Presumptive, or Confirmed Cases of Covid 19 \(K-12\)](#)
- [Strong Schools NC: Infection Control and PPE Guidance](#)

Please see page 2 of the newsletter for answers to questions about practical application of this guidance.

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Save the Date

- October 5: Designated Teacher Workday
- October 12 and 15: K Report Cards
- October 12: Face to Face Learning Group 1 (A)
- October 15: Face to Face Learning Group 2 (B)

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How many people will be in my child's class?

We have between 9 and 11 children attending in each NC Pre-K and kindergarten classroom each day in addition to the Teacher Assistant and Teacher who will teach them. Kindergarten will also have an art, music, or PE teacher visit them one day a week. There may be a teacher from the special education classroom who visits a regular education classroom to serve IEPs as well. These adults will not all be present at the same time, but will be in and out as scheduled.



Who is required to wear masks?

All staff and students are required to wear masks. Parents of students with documentation of a critical medical or behavioral need can reach out to the administrator to apply for a mask exception.

How will social distancing be accomplished?

We will teach our young ones about social distancing in school. Our furniture is configured to maintain social distancing in the classroom. Our floors are marked to have children practice lining up six feet apart while transitioning through the hall. We are using a one way traffic flow through our main hall. Students will enter in the morning through the side entrance of the school and exit through the main entrance in the afternoon. (See graphic on next page.)

What will the screening process be like?

Each child's temperature will be taken by a touchless thermometer upon arrival to school. While students remain in the car, parents will be asked three questions about exposure, symptoms, or diagnosis of Covid 19. Staff will inform the parents that students must return home if symptoms, exposure, or diagnosis exist. The school nurse will follow up with the family of next steps in a safe return to school. Students will be escorted to their classroom by school staff starting on their first day of school.

What are the preventative measures being taken to decrease the potential for exposure to Covid 19?

- Daily staff and student screenings and temperature checks upon arrival
- Staff and students who arrive with symptoms, fever, exposure, or diagnosis of Covid 19 will return home without entering the building
- Marked traffic flow directions in the hallways
- Masks for all students and staff
- Frequent disinfecting throughout the day
- Frequent handwashing
- Socially distanced seating
- Isolating while supervising children with symptoms until parents arrive to take them home
- Avoiding sharing of items for recess or PE with other classrooms
- Parents, visitors, and volunteers are not entering the buildings
- Breakfast and lunch service will be in the classrooms instead of a shared cafeteria
- Students will remain in the classrooms for specials (art & music) instead of sharing furniture in the music/art room

