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Dear DWS Families,

As always, I am thankful for your cooperation and steadfastness to our safety protocols. Your hard work continues to pay off allowing for our students to stay in school and participate in their extra-curricular activities. As fall break approaches, we need you to be very intentional and cautious with your travel decisions for your student. The CDC recommends hand washing often, avoiding large gatherings, physical distancing and covering mouth and nose with a face covering.

To stay aware of important updates, please review this list of important information:

- At this time, we do not know if someone can be re-infected with COVID-19. Data to date shows that a person who has had and recovered from COVID-19 may have low levels of virus in their bodies for up to 3 months after diagnosis. This means that if the person who has recovered from COVID-19 is retested within 3 months of initial infection, they may continue to have a positive test result, even though they are not spreading COVID-19. *After three months, it is unknown whether a person can be re-infected. Per CDC guidelines, if it has been more than 3 months since a person test positive and they have been exposed, they will need to quarantine for the 14 days.*
- We are doing our part, please do yours! We are offering our DWS faculty and staff flu vaccinations on Tuesday, September 15th. Vaccinating our staff is critically important as flu season approaches. Please consider a plan to vaccinate your family.
- Have your children prepare for their day the night before. Please continue to abide by our non-essential item drop off to both of our campuses. For the safety and well-being of all, we are only able to accept forgotten medication in our main offices.
- As you are checking your child's symptoms each morning and discover they are symptomatic with one or more symptoms, please do not medicate your child and send him/her to school as it makes it very difficult to effectively protect our student population. Rather, please keep your child at home and communicate with me about the circumstances.

- We certainly live in interesting times! Please read this article to reflect on where we are: <http://community.today.com/parentingteam/post/a-sore-throat-isnt-just-a-sore-throat-in-the-age-of-coronavirus>

If I can ever assist you, please email me at [lynn.gray@deerfieldwindsor.com](mailto:lynn.gray@deerfieldwindsor.com). Stay well and stay safe,

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