



December 18, 2020

Dear Keeneyville District 20 Families,

We want to first thank our families for your support on this last day of school in 2020, which was a very challenging year! As you know, we have been on an “Adaptive Pause” in our hybrid/in-person learning plan due to health and safety concerns. We have closely monitored COVID-19 numbers and last night, the School Board approved the recommendation that for health and safety reasons we will continue remote-only instruction for all students through the entire week of January 4. ***Our goal is to return to the hybrid plan with in-person learning on Monday, January 11, if it is safe to do so at that time.*** We will continue to watch the metrics very closely and provide updates to families and staff.

Return to Hybrid Learning

- **ECC (Preschool) Students** will continue in full-remote learning as prior to the adaptive pause (before Thanksgiving).
- **Elementary and Special Education Students** who attended in-person classes prior to Thanksgiving will return to hybrid learning (with in-person and remote instruction) on Monday, January 11 following the AM/PM schedule that was in place prior to the adaptive pause (before Thanksgiving). Any students who opted for remote-only learning will continue with remote learning on the same AM/PM schedule.
- **Middle School Students** will continue remote-only instruction through the remainder of Trimester 2, following the current class schedule. After much analysis and discussion, we have determined that it is in the best interest of Spring Wood students to begin hybrid/in-person learning at the start of a trimester. If we were to change the instructional model mid-trimester, it would necessarily impact grading, scheduling, and class assignments. For this reason, Grades 6-8 will begin hybrid/in-person learning at the start Trimester 3, which is on Monday, February 22. More information and details will be shared after the holidays.

Additional Updates & Resources

- **Food Services:** Free meal packs will be available for pick-up at the schools and scheduled bus stops during Winter Break on Mondays 12/21 & 12/28 and Wednesdays 12/23 & 12/30. Pre-registration is not required. Regular Monday, Wednesday and Friday pick-up days will resume during the week of 1/4 following the current [Food Services Schedule](#). Bus delivery service of meals will continue through break and until Friday 1/8. When students return to in-person learning on 1/11, meals will be distributed to all students when as school and remote-only students can continue to pick-up meals at any school building.
- **Transportation:** Bus transportation of students to/from school will begin on Monday, 1/11 for in-person students.
- **Free Internet Program:** Families who qualify for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program may also be able to loan a free WiFi Hotspot from the District through the end of the school year at no cost. Please [sign-up online](#) or contact your school office to ensure that your child has reliable internet access for remote learning. We will continue to distribute devices until our supply runs out.

We ask that as you make your holiday plans, please take a moment to review the CDC’s Recommendations for [Holiday Celebrations and Small Gatherings](#) and [Travel](#) including quarantine requirements. DuPage County Health Department also has many helpful [resources for holiday celebrations and travel](#). ***It takes a community effort to help keep us safe.*** We strongly encourage all students, families, and staff to strictly follow masking, distancing, and self-isolation when necessary in the coming weeks to provide our community the time window necessary to reduce our community spread and meet our target return date of January 11.

If your family is in need of support or resources during the holidays, we would like to share a list of [DuPage Free Resources](#). We wish you and your loved ones a happy and healthy holiday!

Sincerely,

Dr. Omar Castillo
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