

April 8, 2021

Dear Students, Families and Staff,

[Updates from Park Avenue Transition back to 5 days a week of in-person learning](#)

It's been a busy week at Park Avenue Elementary School with having a majority of our elementary students returning to 5 days a week of in-person learning. All of our well-established safety protocols are still in place. It's been great seeing our students eyes sparkle behind their masks and watching their true excitement to be back in classrooms 3 feet apart from their peers!

The Park Avenue Administration, Staff, Cafeteria Workers, and Custodians have done a remarkable job with ensuring the safety protocols are adhered to. Starting May 14th Fridays will be full days of in-person learning.

April 5 th	PAE students return to 5 days a week of in-person learning
Fridays April 9 th , April 16 th , April 30 and May 7 th	PAE students come to school for ½ half day of in-person learning
Friday May 14	PAE students resume FULL days on Fridays

We have created a breakfast café in the gymnasium!

6 feet distance!



New PAE Lunch Tables!

6 feet distance!



Updates on Webster Middle and Bartlett High School transition to 5 days a week of in-person learning:

On Wednesday, April 28th, the middle and high school students will return to school for 5 days of in person learning. Families were required to fill out the forms to ensure the availability of an in-person seat (spacing requirements). If you have not completed this form, please reach out to your school immediately.

Fridays after April 28th will be in-person ½ days (April 30th and May 7th) and students will be sent home with a bagged lunch.

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April 28 ^h	WMS & BHS students return to 5 days a week of in-person learning
Now thru Friday April 16 th	WMS students will remain having REMOTE FRIDAYS thru April 16 th . BHS students will remain having synchronous Friday mornings and asynchronous Friday afternoons thru April 16 th .
Friday April 30 and May 7	WMS & BHS students will shift to in-person ½ days Fridays
Friday May 14	WMS & BHS students resume FULL days on Fridays

Supports for WMS and BHS students as they transition back to school

This week Dr. Noel Foy and our school counselors held grade level virtual assemblies with middle and high school students. These workshops were focused on what anxiety/stress looks and feels like and strategies to manage anxiety /stress.

Dr. Foy introduced the ABC strategy (sample):

A = Accept how I feel/ I get frustrated when I do math

B = Breathe slow and deep/ Do 4/6 breathing to rest

C= Change my thinking/ Turn the stressor into an opportunity/new perspective

Dr. Foy is working on a prerecorded parent/guardian workshop to assist families with recognizing stress and dealing with stress. We will be putting this out once it is complete...stay tuned!



Reminders:

1. All students need to wear masks during the school day and on the school buses.
2. All families need to have up to date emergency contact information at each of the schools.
3. Covid is still around and contagious. Students and staff need to stay home if they have two or more of the Covid symptoms. Our school nurses are available for questions around Covid symptoms.
4. Covid weekly and cumulative dashboards are attached for your review.



Dates to Remember:

1. April 9th is a half day for all students
2. April 13th – Public Hearing on FY22 Budget at the School Committee Meeting. Zoom link will be posted on the district website.
3. April 15th – School Building Committee meeting to discuss the Bartlett High School building project
4. April 19th thru April 23rd – Spring Break / No school
5. May – MCAS begins at PAE, WMS & BHS

Stay positive and safe while enjoying the beautiful weather!



Kind Regards,

Dr. Goguen