



School Improvement Team

March 2020



Welcome!

Agenda

1. Update on Electives & Wheel
2. Update on Personalized Learning School Within a School
3. Coronavirus Info
4. Open

Electives

- The “Wheel” has been eliminated.
- Course Changes
 - PLTW
 - Courses no longer combined; all courses now individual
 - Courses will each be one semester in length
 - LC staff and PLTW teachers have worked to expand the provided PLTW curriculum to ensure the constructive use of all time
 - Modern Language
 - Intro course will be one semester long
 - Open to 6-8 graders
 - Content enrichment

Electives

- Course Changes (cont.)
 - FACS & Art
 - Shift in content to include “intro” materials into FACS 1 & “Art 1” and other shifts as needed
 - Additional courses to be designed and approved by CCC during 2020-2021
 - Ideally incorporating more personalized learning
- New Course
 - Computer Science Basics

Electives

Advantages

- All courses are a semester long = more in-depth study of content
- Additional courses add depth to overall learning
- Many courses looking to add components that personalize student learning

Concerns

- 6th and 8th graders being in the same class; solution 6/7 and 7/8 or individual sections if numbers support
- Working through content shifts to meet student need

Welcome to Pirate Academy!

- Logistics

- Two teachers (Maegan Bowersox, ELA/SS; Emily Difani, MA/SCI)
- Approximately 50 students
 - Open to all elementary schools; EXA applies

- Application

- Registration
- No application
- Lottery system applied if more than 50 students

Pirate Academy Intro Video & Brochure (draft)



Pirate Academy

Next Steps

- (February 19; Dr. Moran shared with Principals & LC staff)
- March 9 - 11; Teachers visit Wisconsin schools to observe PL classrooms
- March 30; Dr. Moran & teachers to share with 5th grade teachers
- April 1; materials sent out to 5th grade families
- April 27; 5th grade Family Night @ Holman
- TBD; 5th grade Registration
- TBD as needed; Lottery
- August; Notification of Families

Coronavirus Info

STL County Health Department:

“As with any other reportable infectious diseases, the school nurse and/or superintendent would be notified if a student had the disease. At that point, we let the school/district take over in terms of relaying the information to parents of classmates etc.

We would not automatically notify the school etc if it wasn't the child who is diagnosed, but a household contact. However, we would work with the parents if they needed help talking to the school due to their child having to be out for 14 days.”

Coronavirus Info

- Pattonville continues to work with health experts from the St. Louis County Health Department, MO Department of Health, and the CDC related to COVID-19 guidelines and recommendations for schools. We are meeting regularly on this topic because information changes daily.
- We are monitoring any new cases or potential cases that arise in the region and how might impact our own operations.
- We continue to follow protocols for cleaning and sanitizing classrooms and common areas to minimize the spread of illness, as recommended by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS).
- At present, there is no indication we need to close Pattonville schools due to illness, but we will continue to monitor the situation in St. Louis County and will work with the county health department on any future possible decisions regarding school closures.

Coronavirus Info

[PSD Coronavirus Website](#)

Open

Questions/Concerns/Rumors