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Dear Chesterfield Elementary School Community,

As we see the increase in positive COVID-19 cases in our state, as well as throughout our country, I want to remind everyone of the importance of adhering to all health and safety protocols. Our goal as a school district is to keep our school open for in-person learning which requires the cooperation of all students, staff, and parents. If you travel to a location outside of New Jersey that requires you to quarantine, please adhere to those guidelines and quarantine. We know during the upcoming holidays families tend to travel and we need to all do our part to remain healthy and safe for our school community. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

If your child is currently in the fully virtual instructional model and you are interested in a move to one of the in-person instructional models, the deadline to submit that request is Friday, November 20th. Please email Mrs. Graham at cgraham@chesterfieldschool.com to make your request.

As we approach our fall parent teacher conferences and the end of the first trimester, I want to remind all parents that we are returning to our standards-based grading. As you know, we adjusted our grading for the end of the 2019-2020 School Year. However, for the 2020-2021 School Year, we are returning to our normal standards-based grading system. If you have any questions about grading, please talk with your child's teacher.

All of our students, whether in the fully virtual instruction model or one of our in-person instructional models, are active in virtual learning. When students are involved in virtual learning, it is expected students are on camera and can be seen. Obviously, each teacher may direct students differently at times during the day; however, the expectation is that students are participating with their camera on. Please know if this is an issue for your child, please work directly with your child's teacher to make accommodations that best meet the needs of your child.

Our parent teacher conferences are scheduled to begin next week. This is an opportunity to connect with your child's teacher and discuss specific topics directly related to your child and their growth.

In the October Parent Survey, we asked parents for feedback on screen time for their child. We included one survey question focused on screen time for students in the hybrid instructional model and one focused on screen time in the fully virtual model. The results of the survey showed 16% of the responses indicated either too much or too little screen time for their child in the hybrid model, and 23% of the responses indicated too much or too little screen time in the fully virtual model. If you feel your child is experiencing too much or too little screen time, whether in the hybrid model or the fully virtual model, please talk with your child’s teacher. Teachers will work with you to make accommodations or they will work with administration to determine the best course of action.

I want to thank everyone in the Chesterfield Elementary School Community for your support. The pandemic continues to present challenges, but we will continue to work together to provide our children with the best educational experience during the pandemic while remaining healthy and safe. The Weekly Health Report is below:

COVID-19 Weekly Health Report

Week of.....	# of Positive Cases in School	# of Students/Staff Sent Home Due to Symptoms	# of Students/Staff Quarantined & Why	# of Incidents of Non-Compliance
Sept. 28 th	0	0	0	0
Oct. 5 th	0	1 student	2 students (symptomatic) 1 staff (close contact)	0
Oct. 12 th	0	1 student 2 staff	1 staff (close contact) 2 staff (symptomatic)	0
Oct. 19 th	0	0	0	0
Oct. 26 th	0	0	1 staff (close contact)	0
Nov. 2 nd	0	1 student	1 student (close contact) 1 staff (close contact)	0
Nov. 9 th	0	1 student	1 student (close contact) 1 student (symptomatic) 4 students (travel) 1 staff (close contact) 2 staff (travel)	0

Sincerely,

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