

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Flyers:

Information on the FIS PTO Vendor Fair [here](#).

Coronavirus:

I want to go over some issues related to Coronavirus planning. First off we have been doing extra cleaning during the week and we have been sanitizing our buildings on the weekends. We have also been closely monitoring our student absentee rate.

To date we have completed 116 school days, or 64.4% of the required 180 days. As you can see below, in late January/early February we had a spike into the 8%-10% absent range, but that recently we have settled back into a more normal pattern of 3%-5%. To the degree that student absences are a function of student sickness, we are not currently showing elevated levels of illness. We will continue to monitor.

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Over the last few days there has been intense planning related to Coronavirus. The NJDOE has now allowed districts to provide home instruction during a health-related closure. But it is important to remember that the closure must be mandated by a local or state health official. If the district closes without this directive, the days do not count towards the 180 days.

We are working quickly, but deliberately, to develop our plan on how we would do remote instruction if the district was mandated to be closed. We might be directed to close for one of two reasons. Either we have an outbreak and the building cannot be used, or the decision was made to not have students come to school to slow the spread of infection, but that staff could otherwise come and go to the building. This will be an important distinction on what we can and can't do, depending on the situation.

For the immediate present, we have a technology survey going to all parents that we need for you to fill out and return. Parents should also have their own contingency plans in place if they have to go to work and children have been excluded from going to school by the health department. If we are directed to close, all after school activities will cease, including the use of our buildings by outside groups, 21st Century, athletic practices, YMCA before/after care, etc., etc.

We will continue to push out information, as appropriate. This includes outlining how we would do remote instruction. We need a few more days to work through our plans in this regard.

To date we have not canceled any field trips, although outside organizers have in some cases canceled events and staff training.

Upcoming Events:

Wed, Mar 11: IR3 reports sent home

Fri, Mar 13: PAE PTO Talent Show

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Mon, Mar 16: BOE Meeting (7pm/PAC New Cafeteria) (tentative budget approval)

Fri, Mar 20: FIS musical Annie Jr

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Thu, Mar 26: Title I Parent Involvement Night - District Reading Fair

Sat, Mar 28: PAE PTO Basket Raffle

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Mon, Apr 6: End Marking Period 3

Mon, Apr 6: BOE Meeting (7pm/PAC New Cafeteria)

Wed, Apr 8: Early dismissal, start of spring break

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Mon, Apr 20: Schools reopen

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Thu, Apr 23: PK/K Registration (by appointment)

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Tue, Apr 28: PK/K Registration (by appointment)

Wed, Apr 29: Title I Parent Involvement Night (Math)

Thu, Apr 30: PK/K Registration (by appointment)

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Mon, May 4: Start NJSLA state assessment testing - FIS

Thank you.

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Superintendent

