

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Flyers:

The Monmouth County Council for Young Children (CCYC), along with the Community Affairs and Resource Center (CARC), and the Freehold Public Library, are offering virtual level 1 ESL classes for people in the Freehold community. Details in English [here](#); in Spanish [here](#).

We are scheduled to have our first Title I Parent Involvement Night for 2020-2021 on October 15th. Family members who attend will be able to work with staff members on creating routines to support their children during virtual/remote learning. Family members will also learn about various Google Apps such as Google Classroom and Google Meet. There are opportunities to win prizes and giveaways as well. The link below provides more information and directions on how to register.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1d3s6eUpEi7SSst5yO\\_ZsVHGhtJt\\_1eksu9FiNTjCIJ0/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1d3s6eUpEi7SSst5yO_ZsVHGhtJt_1eksu9FiNTjCIJ0/edit?usp=sharing)

Contacts:

Social/Emotional Hotline: 732-810-3146.

District technology issues: [techstaff@freeholdboro.k12.nj.us](mailto:techstaff@freeholdboro.k12.nj.us)

Restart and Reentry for 2020-2021:

Various federal legislation has just been signed that will allow us to continue our breakfast/lunch distribution to all our families for free through the end of next summer. We understand many are experiencing tough times because of economic disruption. Please use this program if it can help.

Our 800 plastic student desk barriers arrived this past week. They will be set up in classrooms where 6ft social distancing cannot be maintained.

The district has initiated an emergency contract to install bipolar ionizers in all of our HVAC systems. This technology floods our spaces with ions that then interact with bacteria, mold and viruses and neutralizes them, or creates larger particles that can be caught in our HVAC filters. Our brand of bipolar ionizers has been specifically tested as having the capability of neutralizing Coronavirus particles. We will have a more thorough presentation on the technology at our next Board meeting. We are but one of a number of districts in NJ moving to this technology.

When our contractor has all of the materials in hand (maybe 3 to 4 weeks) and is ready to start work, we will alert the school community. We expect the installation to take 2 to 3 weeks, with another 1 to 2 weeks to certify that all systems are operating properly. When complete we will be able to transition to our in-school hybrid program. As the delivery dates and work completion dates become more precise, we will establish a firm date for transitioning. There is a possibility that the work at FLC could finish prior to PAC, in which case we may open FLC earlier than

PAC. It is our priority to get the younger students back in school first, if choices need to be made in that regard.

While we work this bipolar ionizer solution, we have an initiative going to bring five special education classes at FLC back even before the completion of the bipolar ionizers. We have on order five portable specialized HEPA filters that would allow for those five classes to return. Our youngest students with the most severe disabilities are struggling with remote instruction the most. This will allow them to return to in-school hybrid instruction sooner. We are waiting for a firm delivery date of the HEPA filter units before we formally notify those specific parents. But for quick reference, we are talking about the three pre-school disabled classes taught by Spracklen, Barone, and Smith, plus two self-contained multiple disabled classes taught by Pena and Andia.

As we get closer to our transition, parents should expect a "resurvey" of their preferences on whether their students will be in-school hybrid, or remain fully virtual. When we last surveyed in mid August, parents indicated that about 31% of our students would remain 100% virtual, while 69% were ready to return to in-school hybrid. Before school started we sorted the students into special sections so that when we did transition, if choices did not change, students would not have to change their teacher when we transitioned. Nevertheless, we understand that parents may have changed their mind since August. We will send letters out notifying you what preferences we currently have in our system. If they are unchanged, parents will not have to do anything. If parents want to change their preferences, then we will have a link to submit that information back to us. Separately we will also be sending out a survey to see how we're doing on our current virtual instruction.

As we get close to transitioning to in-person hybrid learning, we will also step up our information flow to you about health screenings at home, and provide reminders of what we will do when we have a confirmed COVID positive case in the buildings. Our Reentry Plan covers these issues in detail, along with establishing multiple procedures to maximize social distancing, face coverings and good hygiene. We will be very thorough in our cleaning and with procedures to minimize spread. When we do get a COVID positive case in school, we will react in full coordination with the Freehold Health Department to minimize the impact. We will remain fully ready to revert to 100% virtual instruction, both for a local situation, or as part of larger statewide guidance. Safety has, and will continue to be our prime objective, all the while pressing to move the district as close to normal as we can justify. The looming transition to in-school hybrid instruction will be a major milestone on that journey.

Next Two Weeks:

Mon, Oct 5: Food distribution rear of PAC, 8am-12pm

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Wed, Oct 7: Food distribution rear of PAC, 8am-12pm

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Thu, Oct 8: End Interim Reporting Period 1

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Fri, Oct 9: Food distribution rear of PAC, 8am-12pm

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Mon, Oct 12: Columbus Day, no students (teachers will do inservice)

Mon, Oct 12: Food distribution rear of PAC, 8am-12pm

Mon, Oct 12: Board meeting, 7pm (Virtual)

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Tue, Oct 13: FIS Cross Country team away vs Manasquan after school

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Wed, Oct 14: Food distribution rear of PAC, 8am-12pm

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Thu, Oct 15: FIS Cross Country team home vs Wall after school

Thu, Oct 15: Title I Parent Involvement Night (student routine), 6pm

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Fri, Oct 16: Food distribution rear of PAC, 8am-12pm

Fri, Oct 16: IR1 grades released to Parent Portal

Thank you.

Rocco Tomazic  
Superintendent

