

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Flyers

A flyer in English and Spanish with the November & December Mobile Food Pantry dates run by the Neighborhood Connections to Health is [here](#)

The YMCA will be running the Colonial Basketball League in the PAC Gym on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings starting 11/30. [Info here in English and Spanish](#)

News

Students in grades 4-8 completed the New Jersey Start Strong Assessments this week. Students in Grade 6 only will take the Science assessment on Monday. These tests were created by the state to help us determine a student's learning and retention of prior year grade level standards. So for instance our students in fourth grade were tested on third grade material. We expect individual student reports sometime later this month or early next month. Scores are in three categories: less support may be needed, some support may be needed, and strong support may be needed. We have never given a standardized test like this at the beginning of a school year, so we can't compare how a student did on this test to students in prior years. The feedback we get from these reports are one of many tools our faculty will use to identify methods we can use to help all of our students succeed.

We are so pleased with the tremendous student interest in all of our extra curricular programming including among others chorus, band, and athletics. As we have to move activities inside in the coming months we are working on ways to provide meaningful in person engagement for our students and parents. As those events come closer we will communicate out any alterations that have to be made.

There are currently 30 students in quarantine awaiting COVID test results. There have been no known cases of in school transmission.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 19 - Interim Reporting Period 1 Progress Reports on Parent Portal

Monday, October 25 - 7:00 pm Board of Education Meeting (PAC Library & Virtual)

Regards,

Joe Howe
Joseph Howe, Ed.D.
Superintendent

