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# Hillery Park Elementary School

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*Home of the Huskies*

## Monday Messenger

*March 4, 2021*

### **The Return of the Huskies: Part 2**

After a highly successful return to in-person learning for our NYSAA students and those in grades PK-2, the District has identified students in grades 3 and 4 as well as other students with special needs to return next. We have been today that students who have chosen to return for in-person learning will begin to do on **Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**.

We are excited to welcome back an additional **122** students via a hybrid model. Our total number of students who will be attending in-person is now:

- ✓ **171** students on Monday and Tuesday
- ✓ **85** students on Wednesday
- ✓ **165** students on Thursday and Friday

The protocols and procedures we have in place have proven highly effective. We will be closely monitoring and analyzing these procedures as phase two commences and be prepared to make any modifications if necessary. Please find a review and updates of our most important protocols below.

#### **Transportation:**

- ✓ Students using district transportation have one pick off and drop off spot only. This is different than prior years when a secondary pick up or drop off was permitted. Additionally, students will not be granted temporary passes to ride a different bus. This too is a change from years past.
- ✓ Please know that the pick-up and drop off times provided by transportation is an approximation and will change depending on the number of students riding the bus on a given day.
- ✓ If you have any questions regarding the bus, please contact the
- ✓ **Transportation hotline: 816-4895.**

#### **Daily COVID-19 screening:**

- ✓ Part of COVID protocols for Buffalo Public Schools is having any person entering the building fill out the COVID Daily Screener.
- ✓ All students are required to have this filled out daily, prior to arrival.
- ✓ If the answer is “yes” to any of the items on the screener, you should not send your child to school.

- ✓ If you have more than one child returning to in person learning, a daily screener needs to be filled out for each child.
- ✓ You should only be filling this out on the days your child is attending in-person learning.
- ✓ This information is and will remain confidential.
- ✓ Students will also be bringing a laminated QR code for you to scan on a smartphone or tablet for convenience.

**Arrival:**

- ✓ Our doors open to students at 9:00.
- ✓ Students not taking the bus will enter via the Pawnee Pkway entrance.
- ✓ We have this area marked with cones which indicate 6ft of social distance as parents and students line up each morning.

**Temperature Checks:**

- ✓ Temp checks will occur for all individuals entering the building. We have two thermal check kiosks. One is located in the main foyer and one in the gym. Students arriving via district transportation will have their temp taken in the Main Foyer. Students arriving at the Pawnee Entrance will have their temp taken in the gym.
- ✓ Any student demonstrating a high temp will be escorted to a waiting room where a 2nd temp check will be conducted by one of our nurses.
- ✓ Any student exhibiting a high temp a 2nd time will lead to a call home and students will need to be picked up immediately.

**Students demonstrating illness during the day:**

- ✓ Students exhibiting flu or cold symptoms should remain home.
- ✓ If they exhibit these symptoms while at school they will be moved to a nursing station and we will be calling to have them picked up from school and taken to seek medical treatment.

*These symptoms include:*

Fever or chills---Cough---Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing---Fatigue--- body aches

Headache---Sore throat---Congestion or runny nose---Nausea, vomiting or Diarrhea

- ✓ If a student is sent home, they will not be able to return to in-person learning until cleared by a medical professional. This could be a pediatrician, nurse practitioner or other health provider. We will require written documentation from a health provider.

**COVID Testing in Schools:**

- ✓ Parents may choose to have students randomly tested for COVID-19 via a rapid test. We will be sending home consent form with children beginning March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ If a parent agrees, their child will be part of the pool of students who may be selected to receive a non-invasive rapid test. Results are provided within 15 minutes of the test. Results are confidential and individual results are made known only to the family.

- ✓ If a student tests positive, they will be monitored in our “care room,” while we contact parents, family or guardian. The student will be made comfortable in a secure area under the supervision of a member of our health clinic administrator.

### **Result of a positive COVID case in school:**

- ✓ If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID, any students or staff member who has been in close contact with that individual will be notified and will be required to quarantine for 7-14 days (This will be determined by the Erie County Department of Health.)
- ✓ A close contact of a positive COVID-19 is defined as any individual who was within six (6) feet of an infected person for at least ten (10) minutes starting from 48 hours before the onset of COVID-19 symptoms.
- ✓ Close contacts will be determined by the Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) and notified through contact tracing.

### **Student Devices:**

- ✓ Students will be expected to bring their iPad and charger to and from school every day. iPads should be fully charged each night so they are ready to go upon arrival to school.
- ✓ IT issues will continue to be addressed at 1515 South Park Ave.
- ✓ Student devices are the responsibility of the students and family. These devices have become our lifeline to learning and as such must be treated with great respect and care.

### **Dress Code:**

- ✓ We have eased the dress code and will not be requiring uniforms until further notice. Clean, warm and comfortable is our goal.
- ✓ We will be sending home an order form for Hillery Park Elementary, sweatshirts, tee shirts and other apparel

### **Student Supplies:**

- ✓ Students will be provided new folders, paper, pens and crayons etc.
- ✓ Our PTO purchased what we needed for each student to have supply starter kit. Please leave old folders and notebooks at home. We will provide a fresh start with supplies just for you!

### **Dismissal:**

- ✓ Students in all grades, PK-4 will either take the bus or be picked up by a parent. We will not be permitting students regardless of age to walk home on their own.
- ✓ Students not taking district transportation, must be picked up and signed out at the Pawnee Pkwy. Entrance.
- ✓ Students will be bringing home a contact information form which will enable parents to list those adult whom you are permitting to pick the student up.
- ✓ Anyone picking up a student will need valid ID and sign the child out.
- ✓ Dismissal for students being picked up at the Pawnee entrance will begin at 3:30pm. The dismissal process can take up to 25 minutes.