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# THE MONARCH

DCIS AT FAIRMONT NEWSLETTER





## **SEPTEMBER UPDATES**

BY PRINCIPAL ALEX WENZEL

Dear Families,

Congratulations on completing week one of remote school! Seriously, you deserve it. We see how hard our families are working to solve tech issues, inspire and motivate students and fully participate in our remote model. We can't say enough how much we appreciate you!

While we know that remote learning can never be ideal, we are impressed by what we've seen this week. Even our youngest students are learning how to connect with their peers, participate in breakout rooms, submit Seesaw posts, mute and unmute, record their voice and so much more!

This month we are excited to begin the opening of our ECE classrooms and dive further into remote school with you feedback and support. As always, reach out whenever you need. I am here. Regards,

Alex alexandria\_wenzel@dpsk12.org

#### (REMOTE) BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT!

SEPTEMBER 3RD 3:30-4: SESSION 1 4-4:30: SESSION 2

LINKS AND INFORMATION HERE

Remote Back-to-School Night

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#### **GIVE US FEEDBACK!**

We would love to know what your thought of this first week and see how we can improve. Fill out the survey here:

#### **SURVEY**

# ECE Re-opening: September 14th

We are excited to announce the re-opening of our ECE classrooms starting September 14th! We know our youngest learners benefit the most from in-person teaching and learning. We are committed to safety as our top priority as we re-open.

Our ECE teachers are in in the process of setting up our classrooms with the latest health and safety guidelines from CDC and they will be in touch over the next week to connect you our school-specific Covid-19 reopening plan.

These are our high level guidelines, the 'DPS 5':

## THE DPS 5:

I PROTECT YOU; YOU PROTECT ME

## Health and Safety Guidance for Educators Choosing to Return to Work

COMPLETE YOUR HEALTH SCREENING.
Complete a health screening every day before entering,

and please stay home if you are sick.

- WEAR A MASK OR FACE COVERING.
  Face coverings are required, except when you are alone in your enclosed office or classroom.
- 3 MAINTAIN PHYSICAL DISTANCE.
  - Please stay at least 6 feet away from other adults.
- MEET VIRTUALLY.

  Please don't have adult in-person meetings or use communal spaces.
  - PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE.

    Cover coughs and sneezes, and avoid touching your face.

    Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer.

#### **Meals Available**

Denver Public Schools will continue to serve meals for curbside pickup at locations throughout Denver. Breakfast and lunch will be available for curbside pickup from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Unfortunately, weekend meals will no longer be available as of Aug. 24.

- Families can pick up both breakfast and lunch meals at the same time at any school that is close to their home.
- Students do not need to be present to pick up meals you just need to provide each student's name, school and student ID number.

Additional meals for students who are not eligible for freeand reduced-price meals, non-DPS students, and adults can be purchased. Families can apply for student meal <u>benefits</u> <u>here</u>. Please see the list of <u>current meal locations</u>, as well as meal locations offering service starting Aug. 24.

#### ANNUAL FAMILY UPDATE

This deadline has passed! Please complete this ASAP to not adversely effect your enrollment status or our school funding. Check out detailed directions <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>. If you are struggling with logging in, contact 720.423.3163. If you need a printed copy, call (720) 424-7620. If you need support with completing registration, please reach out to Favi Brady, our family liaison, at 720.424.7664 or <a href="mailto:Faviola\_brady@dpsk12.org">Faviola\_brady@dpsk12.org</a>.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

- September 3rd, 3:30-4:30 pm Virtual Back to School Night
- September 7th, No School Labor day
- September 21st, 8:30am Virtual ELA-PAC Coffee with the principal <a href="https://zoom.us/j/98053764877?">https://zoom.us/j/98053764877?</a> pwd=K2xYYUFZRnEvbVNBcXJMOXkrQ2lvdz09
- September 22nd, 8:30am Virtual Coffee with the principal <a href="https://zoom.us/j/98053764877?">https://zoom.us/j/98053764877?</a>
   pwd=K2xYYUFZRnEvbVNBcXJMOXkrQ2lvdz09
- September 28th Planning day NO STUDENTS

#### CLICK HERE FOR 2020-21 SCHOOL CALENDAR



# Supporting Children's Wellbeing During Covid-19

A letter from our school Psychologist



## Social-Emotional Screener (3rd-5th

Families of 3rd, 4th and 5th Graders: As part of our effort to support the social and emotional functioning of our wonderful students, DCIS at Fairmont will be implementing a universal social and emotional screening for students. Universal social and emotional screening can provide a fair and impartial way of looking at how students are progressing in their social and emotional development. Screenings can also help identify areas where school personnel can improve or adjust our supports. Universal social and emotional screening is **NOT** an assessment or an evaluation. Instead, screenings are a useful tool to help identify students who may need extra social or emotional support.

Denver Public Schools currently uses a social and emotional screening questionnaire called the Behavior and Emotional Screening System (BESS). The online tool takes approximately ten minutes to complete and consists of 28 questions for the student to answer. The social and emotional screening may occur two or three times over the course of the school year. Repeated screening helps us determine if the supports we provide to students are effective in meeting their needs.

Watch for more information and Passive Permission forms to come out via the Remind app in the next two weeks. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sherri Slaymaker, Ed.S. NCSP at sherri\_slaymaker@dpsk12.org or 720-424-7680 or 720-635-7447.

#### **HEALTH UPDATE**

FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE

Hello DCIS at Fairmont Families, As a reminder to keep healthy and protect yourself and your family from COVID-19,

Wash your hands. Cover your coughs and sneezes and stay
home and isolate if you are sick. Avoid touching your eyes,
nose and mouth with unwashed hands. Stay 6 feet between
yourself and other people that do not live in the same home as
you. To protect others-wear a mask when you are outside your
home.

Children's Hospital Colorado has new guidance on face coverings for children. It has great information with a question/answer format. Click here.

Please remember that medication agreement forms including Asthma and Allergy Health Plans must be completed annually, at the start of each school year, and signed by a medical provider for any medication to be administered to your child during the school day. This includes both prescription and over-the-counter medications.

- Each prescription medication must be in the original pharmacy labeled container.
- Over-the-counter medication must be in the original box with dosage instructions.
- All medications must be current. We cannot give expired medication.

You can follow <u>this link</u> and go to the student medication forms tab to access these forms.

I hope everyone is staying healthy and doing well. Please reach out to me if you have any questions at 720-424-7624. My email is christine\_johnson@dpsk12.org

Your school nurse, Christine Johnson, RN, BSN



#### \*\*REMIND APP\*\*

Remind is one of the primary forms of communication for DCIS at Fairmont. Please download the app and sign up for email and/or text notifications. <u>Directions found here</u>. When new teacher classrooms are set up, you will receive a new code to join your new classroom! If you are already on Remind, please make sure notifications are turned on so that you are up to date with the mos recent information.

#### TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

Please reach out to: Cody Mitchell - 720.400.3612

#### THANK YOU!

DCIS Leadership