

In-person Instruction Update

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*From the Desk of
Dr. Mary Henderson*



Dear D12 Families,

As we come to the end of our first week of the 2020-21 school year, there is much to celebrate. The excitement of having kids back in our schools was palpable as I moved throughout both schools on Monday. It is very clear how much our students and staff enjoy being together!

I greatly appreciate students arriving at school with their certification ticket signed each morning. Please remember to err on the side of caution with any symptoms your child may be experiencing. This will be critical to minimizing exposure to students and staff.

Whenever we embark on a new experience for students, I'm constantly reminded of how we as the adults underestimate our kids' ability to be flexible and resilient. As a staff and as parents, we worried that kids wouldn't be able to wear masks. It's a non-issue at school. We have worried about social distancing. That is definitely more difficult, but a few days into the year and they are getting it. We worried that all of the restrictions might limit the relationships that could be built. That too is proving itself to be untrue. Our students are overcoming many obstacles and will not only survive a pandemic, I firmly believe they are going to thrive! They will be better prepared to take on new challenges and unexpected obstacles as they grow into the leaders who will make the world a better place.

First SMART Day of the 2020-21 School Year

Wednesday, September 2 will be our first SMART day. Please look for communication from your child's principal with both in-person and remote schedules for that day.

Curriculum Nights in D12

Curriculum nights this year will take place virtually. Teachers will have pre-recorded presentations and will also have times available for live questions and answers.

Roselle Middle School: Wednesday, September 9th, beginning at

Spring Hills Elementary School: Thursday, September 10th, beginning at

Please look for additional details coming from each building principal.

Arrival at School

Please be mindful of the fact that this year we have additional students who are dropped off at school each day. Many of our families who typically take a bus are driving their students if they can so that those who can't are able to have a spot on a bus. This is such a great example of our community working together for the benefit of all! Safety is always our first priority, and we are asking for patience during arrival at school. We work closely with the Roselle Police Department and will contact them if we need support with speeding through our drop-off area, using a cell phone while driving on school grounds or other unsafe behavior. Please do your part! Each school has staff supporting arrival, and we ask that you follow their instructions each day.

We look forward to another great week of learning! Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement. Your positive emails, notes and kind words when you see us mean the world to all of us. We are in this together!

Sincerely,

Dr. Mary Henderson, Superintendent