October 9, 2020

Dear East Greenwich Township School District Staff and Families,

I would like to express my gratitude to our entire school community for the many successes experienced during the first weeks of school. Reopening our schools in the midst of the pandemic has presented many unique challenges; yet the commitment, flexibility and compassion exhibited by our staff and families is steadfast. The progress we have made in a short period of time is commendable, and I look forward to our continued progress. Please find updated information and reminders below.

**Election Day**

Tuesday, November 3rd will be a virtual learning day for all students due to Governor Murphy’s Executive Order #177. This is reflected on our [2020-2021 East Greenwich School District Calendar](#).

**Parent Survey**

On Friday, October 23rd, the district will share a survey with staff and families. We will request your feedback on the implementation of our safety procedures, as well as students' academic experiences and social-emotional well being. The survey results will be used to identify what is working well and what we can improve. Please consider sharing your feedback with us.

**Remote Learners**

Our 100% remote teachers are cultivating positive virtual classroom communities where students are cared for and feel connected to their classmates. We would like to keep our 100% remote learners connected to our entire school community by providing remote families with the opportunity to share photos and achievements. Examples may include your student participating in “National Wear It Pink Day” on October 23rd, or your student’s Red Ribbon Week poster (details to come soon). Other examples may include your student sharing an art project, participating in music class, solving a math problem on his or her whiteboard or completing a Daily 5 activity. We want to celebrate our 100% remote learners’ progress!

Parents can send photos to remotehornets@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us, along with the student’s name, grade level, teacher and a short description. As many photos as possible will be included on our Facebook page and website.

**Reminders:**

**EGSD Parent Academy**

Visit the [EGSD Parent Academy](#) for video tutorials on topics such as Google Classroom, EG Harmony, Healthy Habits and Creating Home Learning Environments.

**Free Lunch**

All children under the age of 18 who live in East Greenwich are eligible for Grab and Go free lunch. If you are interested in participating, please complete the form each Friday by 3:00pm for the following week. The link for the form can be found on our website home page.

**Illness & Attendance**

New Jersey requires students attend 180 days of school, and this applies to both the hybrid and 100% remote learning models. As a result, attendance will be taken daily during homeroom for in-person hybrid students and 100% remote students. On hybrid students’ remote days, attendance will be taken during Sanford Harmony.

Students are expected to participate in all live, scheduled meets until the end of their instructional day. Should a student not participate in all live, scheduled meets, his or her attendance will be adjusted.
We strongly encourage you to keep your student home if he or she is sick. Please notify the main office by 9:00am of your student’s absence:

Jeffrey Clark main office~ 856-423-0613
Samuel Mickle main office~ 856-423-0412

Medical notes for absences may be dropped off, emailed or scanned to the school nurses at:

Jeffrey Clark School Nurse, Christine Calhoun~ calhouncc@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us
Samuel Mickle School Nurse, Michele Brown~ brownmi@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us

If your student is sick and unable to participate in remote instruction, please email the teacher and notify the main office by 9:00am of your student’s absence:

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If your student is required to quarantine, he or she will continue to receive instruction remotely. If your student is in the hybrid model, he or she will participate in all virtual activities, such as the morning Sanford Harmony lessons and scheduled live, virtual small group sessions. If your student is in the 100% remote model, he or she will participate in all virtual activities as normal. If your student participates in the above instruction, he or she will be marked present while quarantining. Please comply with a health care provider or Department of Health worker’s order to quarantine. If you have questions about this process, please contact your student’s health office for more information.

Mask-Wearing

We are proud of our students’ efforts to wear their masks throughout the in-person school day! Please continue to send your child to school with a well-fitted and clean mask. If your child’s mask becomes wet or dirty during the school day, we will provide your student with a disposable mask to use. Thank you for supporting our efforts to keep students and staff safe.

Parent Technology Help Desk

If your student is experiencing a technology issue while learning virtually, help is available by calling 856-423-7111 or emailing techhelp@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us.

Travel Advisory

If your family is traveling to a state listed on the NJ Travel Advisory or a country on the Centers for Disease Control Level 3 COVID Risk, please plan for your student to quarantine upon return. During the 14-day quarantine period, your child will not be marked absent if he or she participates in instructional activities. If you have any questions, please contact your student’s principal for more information.

Sincerely,

Andrea Evans