

Norwood NEWSLETTER

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We made it! We are back in school and up and running. Our first week was nice and slow and it gave students a chance to learn the new procedures in small groups. Ask your child to explain the procedures to you... how they walk in the halls, how they use their arms to social distance, how they sanitize their hands and the visual cues all over our classroom floors to remind them which way to enter and exit. We have spent a lot of time preparing and after a full week, we can say that our work was worth it. Our students were happy to be back and every single student wore a mask - talk about impressive! Keep up the good work Wolves, it is great to have you all back!

- Mrs. Ostapek

Monday September 21st:

Monday will mark our first day (for the foreseeable future), where students will enter the building directly as opposed to waiting for the 8:55 bell. Teachers have reviewed this with their students but you should also have a conversation with them.

- Students will enter the building upon arrival through their assigned doors.
- All Bus students will use the main entrance.
- Adults must stay out of the yard.
- Students may not enter before 8:40am
- Walkers and those being dropped off, try to come as close to 8:55 as possible.

What parents have been asking:

Why no shoes and what happens when it rains?

The reason why the schools in KPR are not having indoor and outdoor shoes is because it is an added transition in our halls that is difficult to manage with the social distancing rules. Our halls also have been divided in half for directional walking so the shoes would become tripping hazards and if there was ever a fire drill, this would be very dangerous. With students entering first thing in the morning they will not be outside getting wet but yes, what they come to school in they will wear all day.

Gratitude & Gestures that have Impact:

Thank you to Drains for our 2 new outdoor stone classrooms!

Thank you to Dunford for our wood toadstools for our primary outdoor classrooms!

Thank you to Kingdom Lumber for the 5 new picnic tables!

Thank you to Parent Council for organizing our food program!

And again, thank you to our families who have shown so much support and compassion towards us as we work through the new protocols and rules. We are all so happy to be back!