



Director's Newsletter

April 9, 2021

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## All Consortium Classrooms are Open for In-Person Learning



Here's a student working with occupational therapist, Honora Russell.

This week we saw the final three Park Side Consortium classes open. While the stable groups started small, we are already making plans to increase time and/or days to student schedules. All students and families who wished to return were invited to return. We couldn't be happier.

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## Sonoma County is on the Orange Tier

The county moved into Orange Wednesday. But how does this impact schools? Being in Orange means that the capacity limit for indoor activities has increased and large outdoor gatherings such as graduation can be increased to 33%. These are a few changes. County Superintendent of Schools, Steve Herrington, reports that the move does not change classroom or school site health practices.

The Colored Tier system may go away if Governor Newsom's prediction that the economy will be fully opened by June 15th comes to be.

Focus will now shift to the Fall and how we can move back to being fully open, full time and in-person and in compliance with Cal/OSHA emergency temporary standards and public health guidelines. As a side note, it seems masks will continue to be part of the equation even into the fall. However, State Superintendent Tony Thurmond has indicated there may still be a need for distance learning options for some families in the fall.

We shall continue to remain vigilant as there are still many unknowns when it comes to COVID-19 and its variants and its impact on students, families, staff and community members. While every teacher and staff member has been offered the vaccine, we must not let our guard down.

## 6ft to 3ft

The CDC updated these guidelines for social distancing and then the county updated their guidelines. We can shift desks/chairs closer but when students are not wearing masks, such as snack or lunchtimes, they must maintain the 6ft social distancing. Read the guidelines on our website.

## Extended School Year

The team continues to make plans for ESY. We are looking at a hybrid model for ESY so that students who have not yet returned to in-person can continue to participate from home. A survey was sent out to parents to help with our plans but to date we have not received this survey back from many families on ESY preferences. Melissa Norris will resend a reconfigured survey to your email today.

**Finally for today:**

**No School scheduled for April 19th except for Twin Hills. Ms. Wesley-Fagundes will be transitioning back to Twin Hills Middle School calendar and will be open on April 19th.**