

May 1 Updates and Reminders

Hello Winchester Families,

As we prepare to return to school following our April break, I wanted to remind everyone that this is the week where formerly hybrid students become fully in-person students. If you have elected for your student to be in-person, their program is now five days per week in school. The one exception to that is preschool, which will remain a 4 day per week program for the remainder of this school year.

The wellness screener for students does need to be filled out daily, for all in-person students. The screener has been updated, but the link you have been accessing is still the correct link. The update, changed the exposure category regarding travel. In line with the New Hampshire guidance, travel quarantine is now ONLY required if students or staff have travelled internationally or on a cruise ship. Students who travelled within the United States will not need to quarantine.

Prior to the return to 5-day in person decision, the school collaborated with the town to again host the town voting at the school to offer appropriate social distancing, and required options to voters. As a result, May 11, which is town voting day for municipal and school budgets and warrant articles, students will not be in-person at school. May 11 will be a remote day.

The parking lot at school will continue to be a busy place for the upcoming weeks. Please be considerate of this fact as you prepare to enter and exit the parking lot. We have purchased some crosswalk signs to alert drivers to those locations in our lot. Drivers must stop for pedestrians in the crosswalks. Parents who intend to leave the driver's seat at drop off or pick up need to park in a lined spot in the front lot, or behind the preschool playground. The drop off/pick up lane is the only lane where students should be entering and exiting vehicles. The drive thru lane is intended for drivers to use to enter and exit the drop off/pick up lane. The exiting of the parking lot will go much more smoothly, and quickly if, one lane is dropping off and one lane is exiting. We will have school staff reminding drivers of these procedures. We understand that waiting can be frustrating, but we all need to keep respectful communication as our reachable goal.

The upcoming week is Teacher Appreciation Week! The PTA has put together some treats and activities for our staff. They have a google form available on the various Facebook pages for parents to have students complete for a fun activity. If your family has a fun way to honor the educators in their lives, please do so. If you have messages of appreciation you'd like me to share with our staff, I am happy to do that.

We hope that students, staff, and families have had opportunities over this break to engage in those things that promote their own personal wellness, and have enjoyed some rest. We look forward to moving through the remaining critical weeks of the school year with focus, with purpose, and with fun. It will be so lovely to our students again in their selected formats. Enjoy this beautiful weekend! As always please reach out to Mrs. Carey with questions or concerns via email, phone, or Winchester School Facebook messenger.