

Friday Update
September 10, 2021

Health Update

For the week ending September 10, 2021, we had one positive COVID-19 case at Locust School. Per usual procedures, the IDPH guidelines were followed for quarantine and exclusions. Please continue to be conscientious in keeping sick children home. If you have any questions, please contact our school health offices. Locust School: 815-568-7632 (Mrs. Weidner) and Grant/MCMS: 815-568-5720 (Mrs. Turner). Keeping our hands clean is one of the best ways to keep the spread of not only COVID-19, but other typical contagious viruses such as strep, Influenza A, stomach flu and the common cold.

Transportation Update

Starting next week, Grant/MCMS have added two additional rural routes to help with overcrowding. Parents of students on these routes were notified by the Transportation Department. Overall dismissal is improving. Please note, that the Locust buses are not leaving until approximately 3:12 pm. For parents that pick up their students or for walkers, that means these students will not even leave the building until 3:15 pm. I would strongly recommend altering your pick-up time to accommodate this dismissal. The safety of our students is foremost in our minds and the long queue of cars at Locust is becoming problematic with the buses leaving and parents parking on the side street to walk up and grab their kids to avoid the long line. Please consider leaving a little later to avoid the congestion at dismissal time. We greatly appreciate your cooperation with this.

cePTA Fundraise

If you have not received a fundraiser package from your child (ren), please check their backpacks or ask them about it. cePTA is our parent group and this is their main fundraiser for the year, cePTA is extremely generous with funding a lot of the extras for our students such as field trips, classroom supplies, and much much more! Most recently they underwrote the beautiful mural at the hallway entrance to Grant Intermediate. If you have questions, please call your school's office. Locust: 815-568-7632, Grant: 815-568-7407 and MCMS: 815-568-5720.

SHIELD Testing

We are hopeful to begin our SHIELD testing on Thursday, September 16, 2021. We still have not received our final confirmation from the vendor. If any parents wish to enroll in SHIELD, the consent forms are on the website.

Thank you to all our parents/guardians who attended our Academic Nights. They were very well attended. Our teachers remain committed to open communications with families. If you have any questions about your child's progress, please contact them via email.

Enjoy the beautiful Fall weekend.

Yours in Education,

Dr. Lea Damisch
Superintendent of Schools