

October 16, 2020

Greetings EGF ISD 595 Families and Staff Members!

I hope all of you are enjoying the extended weekend with your families and getting a chance to recharge your batteries. The first six weeks of the 2020-21 school year are in the record books and the end of the first quarter is only three short weeks away. It has taken a great team effort to have our children back in school and everyone deserves a big pat on the back! Thank you for being patient, kind, understanding and flexible. Please take a little time to review the following information and feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Prevention Reminders - It is very concerning to see the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases increase throughout the region and I want to encourage everyone to not let your guard down. All of us need to continue to symptom screen, practice social distancing, wear face coverings, and practice good hygiene in order to help prevent the spread of the virus and keep our school buildings open. Your help in this area is greatly appreciated and I cannot emphasize enough the importance of making good decisions. Please take a few minutes to watch a short video from Sarah Reese from PCPH at [PCPH Contact Tracing Video](#) and make sure your children are not coming to school when they do not meet the symptom screening requirements. THANK YOU in advance for all of your efforts!

School Model Update - The latest (10.15.20) 14-day case per 10,000 number for Polk County grew to **26.91** (September 20 - October 3) and estimates do not predict a decrease in the near future. The weekly [Data for K-12 Schools: 14-day COVID-19 Case Rate by County](#) provides guidance at the top of the first page for school districts to follow, but several other factors are taken into consideration before choosing the appropriate model. As mentioned in previous newsletters, the School District and PCPH work together very closely when determining the best model for the District and continue to be comfortable with in-person instruction for grades PK-5 and hybrid learning for grades 6-12. **Sarah Reese from Polk County Public Health produced an excellent video this week regarding the decision making process for school districts and I encourage everyone to take a few minutes and go to [10.15.20 PCPH School Model Decision Video](#) to listen to her explanation.** If the links listed above do not work, please go to COVID-19 section of the Polk County website to find them.

Green Wave Games on YourLiveEvent.com - The East Grand Forks School District will be partnering with YourLiveEvent.com in the very near future to broadcast Green Wave games. I have watched many games on the site the last two years and suggest you to go to their website to view some archived or live events. We are very excited to be able to provide this quality service for Green

Wave fans and thank everyone for their support! Please stay tuned for updates on broadcast schedules.

Booster Clubs and Education Foundation Memberships - The EGF School District is very fortunate to have excellent support from numerous organizations and I encourage everyone to consider joining and/or donating to the groups. Links to three of the larger support groups are listed below and you can find membership information on all of their individual websites. I would like to thank all of the groups and their members for supporting our students, staff and school district!

- [EGF Music Boosters Link](#)
- [EGF Green Wave Sports Boosters Link](#)
- [EGF Education Foundation Link](#)

Green Wave Activities Update - The Green Wave teams had a busy week and wrapped things up with a home tripleheader on Thursday, October 15th. GO GREEN WAVE!

- Congratulations to the Cross Country teams on finishing in 2nd place (boys) and 5th place (girls) at the Section 8A CC Meets in Bagley on October 13 & 14!
- Congratulations to Tyson Mahar for finishing in 1st place at the Section 8A Boys CC Meet!
- Congratulations to Lydia Floden for finishing in 3rd place at the Section 8A Girls CC Meet!
- Congratulations to EGF CC Coach Kirk Misialek for being named the boys Section 8A Coach of the Year!
- Congratulations to both of the cross country and soccer teams for winning their respective conferences. All four teams had great seasons and represented EGF with pride and class!
- The football and volleyball teams completed their second week of games and will be busy during at least the next month.



Thank you for all of your efforts and enjoy the rest of the extended weekend!

Mike Kolness

Superintendent of Schools

EGF ISD 595

218-793-2880

