# Wire Village School Newsletter

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### Great news!!!

We are so excited to be welcoming back to school our fourth graders for in-person learning in a Hybrid model as early as October 26th for one cohort of students and on November 2 for the other cohort.

Although the Superintendent's plan to have students in grades 4-8 return to school is contingent on information from health and local departments, plans are well underway.

We will be hosting a family information session on October 20th at 7:00pm via Zoom for the parents and families of our fourth graders to answer any questions you may have of this process. The Zoom link will be emailed out on Tuesday morning.

Last spring, the pandemic through us all a curveball and we did the best we could, especially for parents, in supporting students at home. Since that time, we have worked as a district to prepare to offer options for hybrid and remote models that are more consistent for our students. Teachers have trained in SeeSaw (K-2) and Schoology (Gr 3-12) platforms and have worked out the kinks for access and ease. Students who were in need of technology have received iPads (K-2) and Chromebooks (gr 3-12) as a tool for their use, whether in the classroom or remotely and many are now getting most familiar. This will help us greatly if ever the need to work exclusively remote ever again should happen.

# How is this year different?

**Expectations:** 

- Remote academic work is aligned to state standards
- Students are expected to "attend" daily and complete activities and assignments as given by their teachers
- Teachers are expected to take attendance each day and provide lessons and grades to students.
- Teachers and administrators shall regularly communicate with students' parents and guardians

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- Parents/caregivers are responsible for ensuring their child attends school every day, whether for in-person or remote learning.
- Help set up a study or work space.
- Parents/caregivers will help support their student's academic growth by letting their child complete all assignments on their own and helping their child submit any work online
- Communicate with the teacher as needed.

**Schedule:** The remote day is intentionally set up as similar as possible to the regular school day. Students work best with a routine and routines will make transitions back to school run more smoothly. The school day, whether at home or in school, includes access to 'specials' (lessons in art, music, PE, etc.) breaks such as lunch and recess and opportunities to work away from the screen, thereby lessening screen time.

Our guidance counselor, Mr. P. is also working on a video of expectations for remote learning, for all of our students and families, whether for the alternating remote week or full remote.

Enjoy this beautiful Fall weather!

Mrs. Stanlun & Mrs. Ethier & the staff at Wire Village School

## **UPCOMING DATES**

October 29 Cohort A Dress up for Halloween (Details to follow)

November 2 Cohort B Dress up for Halloween (Details to follow)

November 11 No School Veterans Day

