

Current Updates...as of 8/17/20

Travel:

- There were new guidelines recently provided by the PA Department of Health regarding traveling outside of the state. If you are traveling to an area in which there is a high or increased number of COVID-19 cases, quarantining for 14 days is recommended; however if you are traveling to a state listed below, you are mandated to quarantine for 14 days upon return before allowed back to school.
 - Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas

What that boils down to is if you have a trip planned to one of the "hot zone" states between now and the start of school, your child will not be able to come to school on the first day and until the 14 days are up. Please email your child's homeroom teacher in order to inform her and to discuss options. Also, as the school year progresses, and until that regulation is lifted, a planned week-long vacation could turn into your child being out of school for three weeks instead of one.

Classrooms: As classrooms are being set up, teachers are doing an amazing job putting space between students to help with social distancing. Ideally, 6 feet of space would be wonderful, and we are blessed to have spacious classrooms, but 6 feet of space is not a reality in all classrooms. PDE states to "Establish distances between student desks/seating and other social distancing practices to the maximum extent feasible and appropriate." All classrooms will be equipped with disinfectant, a supply of masks in case a student needs a replacement, gloves, and hand sanitizer. Our UV cleaners have arrived and will be used to help clean the classrooms as well. In the evening, our cleaning company will be using electrostatic cleaners as part of their cleaning routine. On many of the supply lists, teachers requested Chlorox wipes, and currently, they are hard to find. If you are having trouble finding them, feel free to substitute paper towels instead. We can use the paper towels with the spray disinfectant that we will use.

Lunchroom: Yay for a big cafeteria! We have added extra desks to the cafeteria so that we can spread the students out during lunchtime. Pulling the extra desks and chairs out of storage also freed up some space in our storage areas for the teachers to store unneeded items out of the classrooms, freeing up more room in the classrooms!

We will not be using paper lunch tickets this year. We are doing lunch payments/purchases electronically this year. **It is very important** that you send money/check to school on the first day of the week in an envelope and/or with a paper attached with specific directions on what is being purchased...lunch: \$2.75, milk/water: \$0.50, a la carte (3rd – 8th): \$0.50.

Entering School: As the children enter school each morning, their temperatures will be taken. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT that your child does not come to school when sick. PLEASE DO NOT give your child fever-reducing medicine and then send him/her to school. It will be more of an inconvenience to have to come and pick up your child if you send him/her to school sick then if you just make arrangements right away and keep a sick child at home. WE ALL need to be vigilant on this in order to have the best chance of keeping our doors open all year.

Face Coverings: Hopefully, you have been working with your child to get him/her acclimated to wearing a face covering. Make sure to get one that will make it a little more tolerable for wearing...a fun design, fits right, etc. Don't forget that if you want to show your school spirit, you can order an LHCS Lion face mask from Tiadaghton Embroidery. Visit the school web site for the link. Please do not send a face mask with a vent or valve in it.

Other Changes:

- We will have hand sanitizing stations throughout the hallway.
- Bathrooms will be equipped with touchless soap dispensers and paper towel dispensers
- Water fountains will be out of commission. We have ordered two water bottle filling stations. Please make sure you send your child to school with a water bottle...don't forget to label it with a name!

First Day: Just a reminder that the first day of school is Thursday, August 27th. We will dismiss at 11:30, and students do not need to wear uniforms on that day. Friday is a full day with uniforms. KCSD busing does not start until September.

Handbooks: The updated handbook will be sent home as soon as they come back from the printers. In the meantime, feel free to reference the digital copy on the school website.