

October 14, 2020

Dear SES Outlaw Parents in the K-3 In-Person Hybrid Option,

We have a few updates that we wanted to share with you so that you can make plans for the coming weeks. We continue to enjoy the opportunity to teach your students in person in our building. Thank you for entrusting your children to our care. We continue to be very careful to follow all of the health protocols to keep our students and staff safe and healthy.

We have been working to create a fun experience that includes as many of the Sisters traditions as possible on the Thursday before Halloween, while adhering to all the COVID restrictions. Your child's teacher will provide you with complete details for your particular class.

- Costumes: Students may come to school in costume, but ask that you send their masks that match their costumes in their backpacks. **We need our students to continue to wear their normal masks and shields during the day.** We will give our students the opportunity to put on their costume mask prior to the parade.
- Parade: We will have an in-person student only parade outside in the afternoon. We will maintain our 6 feet of separation and still enjoy seeing one another's costumes.
- Parties: We will be having classroom parties. We can only allow prepackaged and sealed food items into our school. **We are asking that all party food and favors be sent to school on Thursday, October 22.** That will allow the 72 hour timeframe of exposure before distribution while also not overloading our students on Monday when they bring back their Chromebooks.
- 4th graders: Our teachers are working to figure out some fun ways to celebrate with your students; parents may wish to plan something special together that keeps students safe and healthy.

Costume Guidelines:

- No weapons are allowed, look-a-like or otherwise.
- Modesty still needs to be observed. In the judgment of the teacher and/or counselor or principal if too much skin or a student's underwear is showing, they will be asked to modify the costume or change to a new costume.
- Graphically violent costumes are not allowed. There will be no costumes or masks with excessive blood or gore.

November Schedule Information:

We will be having Zoom parent/teacher/student conferences on Thursday and Friday, November 5-6, 2020. **In order to have sufficient time to meet with all of our parents and students, our students will not be attending school on Thursday, November 5.** We will honor Veterans Day on Wednesday, November 11. Our students will be present at school that day. The staff will have Friday, November 13 as their work holiday rather than on Wednesday.

- Tuesday, November 3 12:00-1:00 Principal Connect
Parent Zoom
- Thursday, November 5 NO SCHOOL- Parent
Conferences
- Friday, November 6 Parent Conferences

- Wednesday, November 11 STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL
- Friday, November 13 Observation of Veteran's Day Holiday
- Monday, November 23 STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL
- Tuesday, November 24 STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL
- Wednesday, November 25- Sunday, November 29 Thanksgiving Holiday Break

Thank you for honoring your child's arrival and dismissal windows; this has helped with our ability to manage traffic and keep our students safe while maintaining classroom cohorts. We have done so well with our arrival spacing that we are able to compress the windows and get students to school and learning earlier; this is the final adjustment through November. As a reminder for dismissal: please come within your window- not early or late- as that really bogs down the dismissal process. **Thank you for displaying your placard with student names.**

A couple of safety requests: Please model the usage of crosswalks when you walk your students to and from school.

Please arrange your vehicle so that your student is entering the vehicle on the curbside of your car rather than behind the driver. This keeps students from being exposed to the traffic moving through our parking lot. This will become increasingly critical as we move into the winter weather months.

Beginning Monday, October 19, please follow the following arrival and dismissal schedules:

ARRIVAL:

- 8:25-8:35: 3rd grade students and their siblings; siblings of 4th graders; bus riders
- 8:35-8:45: 2nd grade students and their siblings
- 8:45-9:00: Kindergarten and 1st grade students

DISMISSAL:

- 2:35: Kindergarten and their siblings
- 2:45: 1st and 2nd grade students and their siblings
- 3:00: 3rd grade students and bus riders

Thank you for your partnership. We appreciate and value your input and feedback.

It is truly an honor for us to serve you and your children.

Joan Warburg

Principal, Sisters Elementary School