

Dear West Sylvan Families,

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With our short week, we are sending our communication a day early. As a reminder, there is no school for our scholars tomorrow, Friday, October 8. We hope you enjoy the long weekend together! On Wednesday, scholars received another tote bag option to use instead of a personal backpack. We are trying to reduce crowding in hallways, and putting bulky backpacks in lockers helps enormously! Carrying a tote to class, instead, helps us in creating more space between scholars as they move through their day. Next week everyone will receive a seating pad to use outdoors for those days when it's a little damp. If your scholar missed the distribution, we have more in the office.

Laptops:

Next Wednesday, October 13th, we ask that your scholar bring their old district-issued laptop and charger to school to turn in, as we will be completing the rollout for the [PPS 1-2-1](#). We will finally be able to say that of our scholars have a dedicated school-issued laptop! We thank our partners at Lincoln High School for giving us returned laptops to use in the meantime. Please send your scholar with their six-digit student ID number, which can be found in ParentVUE and/or Canvas. If your scholar is absent on Wednesday, please contact kcrombie@pps.net N

and scholars who may have been considered “close contacts,” whether the contact could have been in classes, at lunch, on the bus, or in clubs. Anyone asked to quarantine is advised to stay home for 10 days from the date of the exposure

intended to measure prior knowledge. Educators will practice the protocols with scholars before administration. This is computer-based testing, and educators will be administering these tests based on technology availability. These tests help us gather baseline data on skills in several content areas so that our educators can measure and target skills for growth throughout the school year. The results inform teaching and learning goals, also.

Picture Day:

October 28th will be our next opportunity for scholars and staff to take a school picture. This is an opportunity for scholars who did not already take a picture (not an opportunity for a retake).

Safety Updates:

We continue to practice the safety measures recommended through both our state and district operating procedures [here](#). MESD regularly updates a dashboard on the district website [here](#). Key reminders are below, again, so that we continue to work together to keep our community safe:

Masks are mandatory indoors and outdoors for all school staff, essential visitors and all scholars.

Please plan on your scholar eating lunch outdoors in our field area. As it gets cooler, they should dress for the weather. Eating indoors will occur if weather conditions prevent outdoor eating. We have a plan for seating in cohorts and tracking attendance by seating, if and when we need to move indoors due to inclement weather.

No overnight outdoor school for any scholars throughout fall. Outdoor School fall activities will be held on campus, and will begin next week for 6th graders in classes.

No assemblies or large indoor gatherings, with all larger school activities needing to be virtual.

Only essential visitors may come into our buildings for less than 15 minutes, and they must be masked and check in through our Raptor Security screening system. Meetings between

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application to the [Online Learning Academy](#) to secure a spot for your children here

your vehicle during “no parking” times may result in a ticket. Just passing this along, as this piece is a Beaverton PD decision, and our neighbors are sending in complaints.

General Questions:

Jerda Solonche, Principal's Secretary: jsolonche@pps.net (faculty, school business)

Kirsten Crombie, Secretary: kcrombie@pps.net (student/parent concerns, attendance, enrollment, withdrawals)

Here are some dates to save on your calendar now in preparation:

Scholar-Free Day: October 8th is a statewide in-service day when scholars and educators do not have school.

1:1 Scholar Device Collection and New Device Distribution: October 13th all scholars will turn in their old PPS device (if they have one) for a brand new school device.

Say Cheese! School Picture Day! October 28th for all grades, distanced, without masks for picture only, if not taken on 9/16.

End of 1st Quarter: November 4. If scholars are in quarter-long electives, they will switch to another elective starting Monday, November 8

No School for Scholars: November 5

Outside of PPS Resources:

Some families have inquired about additional world language options, outside of our school district and school offerings, as our grant funding for both Mandarin and Arabic was not reissued this year from outside organizations. While not sponsored by our school or PPS, the program, [OneWorld Now!](#), offers [online after-school Arabic, Mandarin, Korean and Russian classes](#) which are open to 8th graders. The after-school program starts in mid-October so there would still be time for interested families to register this year.

Enjoy your weekend! Go Wolfpack!

Jill, Evening and Ben