

Mr. Feather's Headquarters

March 20th, 2021

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOALS

Even though this school year has been different, our teachers have been working hard to meet our school improvement goals. One goal we have focused on over the last two years is improving our students understanding of academic vocabulary. As I have been popping into classrooms, I've observed our students reading and discussing rich text and identifying key vocabulary. Students have been exposed to an abundance of vocabulary in all subject areas. Our teachers have been collecting data across the entire school year and have found great success.

IAR TESTING

The Illinois Assessment of Readiness will be given this year to students in third through sixth grade. The testing window opens on April 19th. More details to follow as we get closer to testing.

IMPORTANT DATES

- March 19th:** NO SCHOOL, Remote Planning Day
- March 22nd:** NO SCHOOL, Remote Planning Day
- March 23rd – 26th:** Spirit Week
- March 26th:** Spring Flower Order Forms are Due
- March 29th – April 5th:** Spring Recess, No School
- April 6th:** VIRTUAL SESSIONS FOR ALL STUDENTS
- April 7th:** Hybrid students return to full time in person, New Schedule begins for all students



Specials will return to in person after Spring Break!



SCHEDULE CHANGES

With the return to in person for ALL hybrid students occurring on April 7th, we will have to make some adjustments to our schedules. We ask for your patience and understanding as we adjust and pivot towards this new endeavor. Teachers will share schedules with you as soon as they are available. **Remote schedules will also CHANGE.** Students will be live with teachers from 8:30-12:30 and will be asked to come back to sessions after lunch for small group instruction with their teachers. Teachers will communicate with you regarding expectations for afternoon sessions

ACCESS TESTING

ACCESS testing for our EL students is ongoing in our building this month and will continue into March. Teachers have until May 30th to complete this assessment.

VIRTUAL SESSIONS

Classrooms that are fully in person will NOT be engaging with Zoom after spring break **unless** a student is quarantined or home sick. Regular school attendance will be required and parents will be expected to call students in sick when they do not attend in person learning. If you have any questions regarding this information please reach out to Mrs. Dupuis.

BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND SNACK

With the return to in person there will be protocols that have changed. Students will have the opportunity to enter school to have breakfast in the morning beginning at 8:10. Students will have to enter the building from the front doors for breakfast. In addition to breakfast, students will be eating lunch here at school. Students will remain 6ft from their peers in the lunchroom. We are in the process of determining if alternate space is needed to safely house all of our students inside for lunch. Teachers will sign up for snack times but it is likely snacks will be eaten outside when weather permits. Please remember all items sent in for lunch should be disposal.

Spirit Week Activities

3/23 – 3/26

Tuesday, 3/23/21 - Tacky Tuesday (crazy hair, mismatch, crazy socks)

Wednesday, 3/24/21 - Sport or Shine Bright Day (Sport attire OR bright colors, tie die)

Thursday, 3/25/21 - PJ Day

Friday, 3/26/21 - Fun Friday with Spirit Wear (each teacher decides a fun activity for the day)

Equity and Inclusion

Survey

Students continue to engage in our Equity and Inclusion Survey next week. The survey asks important questions about diversity and inclusion, cultural awareness and action, and our students' sense of belonging. The results will support our improvement plans. We know that when students feel included and represented, they are more likely to succeed. For more information regarding this survey you can visit:

<https://www.u-46.org/Page/17983>

KINDNESS COUNTS

Throughout the month of March teachers will continue to look for students who are consistently kind and supportive towards their peers. Teachers will nominate students to be recognized at the end of this month! Student names will be documented here in the newsletter and a bulletin board will be dedicated to those individuals.

PTH BOARD ELECTIONS

We will be discussing the nominations for PTH officers for the 2020-2021 school year at the next meeting on April 21st and holding elections at the meeting on May 19th.

Current members who would like to retain their offices are:

Janel Yaun, President

Karen Skoric, Treasurer

Tami Hegadorn and Michele Luparello, Co-Secretaries

Dana Gilpin would like to move from 2nd Vice-President to Vice-President. Corina Haslam is stepping down from her role as Vice-President. We would like to thank her for her tremendous dedication and hard work over the years.

The 2nd Vice-President can be held by a maximum of 2 officers. If someone else in our community would like to run for any of the above positions, please let me know before our next PTH meeting on April 21st. Barring any other nominations, we will ask for motions to accept the slate as stated.

If you would like more information on the specific duties of each office, they can be found in the PTH by-laws on the Hawk Hollow Facebook page under "PTH."

