



December 10, 2020

Dear Avoca Parents & Guardians,

I am going to skip the standard blog post this week and touch upon some key points for our consideration. Topics covered below include:

- Our Return to onsite Hybrid Learning on January 19
- Keep in Touch During Remote Learning If Your Student is Ill
- Family Open Gym
- Changing Schedules (Remote to Hybrid or vice versa) for 3rd Quarter

Regarding Our Return to Hybrid (onsite) Learning on January 19

I fully anticipate our return to Hybrid (onsite) Learning on January 19. For this to happen as successfully as possible, it is important for families with students learning onsite to have ended travel in a timely manner so they are not in quarantine when the Hybrid schedule restarts.

Most of all, while school is **not** the site of COVID transmission, it is important that we all adhere as closely as possible to the following guidance so COVID transmission in our community is lessened:

- Avoid any unnecessary travel
- If you must travel, quarantine according to health department guidance after your travel
- Always wear a mask when with those outside your immediate household or in a public space
- Avoid large crowds of any kind
- Stay home if you are ill with any COVID-like symptoms
- If you or your student have COVID symptoms, only leave home to seek a COVID test

Additionally, IDPH guidance related to quarantine is changing again. We are working to understand if this (again unclear) guidance change affects our operational abilities to return to school with an onsite Hybrid Learning schedule in January.

Keep in Touch During Remote Learning if Your Students are Ill

And remember, if you or your student are ill with symptoms or if you test positive for COVID, contact your student's school nurse to let them know. Likewise, if you are traveling and need to be on quarantine, even during remote learning, let the nurse know. We keep track of this data so we can accurately assess our ability to conduct school onsite safely.

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The sign up for Family Open Gym has been overwhelmingly positive. I just did not know it would be that popular. Please note two things:

First, we did add some additional slots. You can click on the link and sign up for any remaining open slots. If you have already signed up for a slot, please allow other families to sign up for the new spots. [Sign Up Genius for Additional Open Gym Slots](#). All times listed are Central Standard Time.

Second, if you signed up for more than one spot, ***please delete your extra sign ups*** so at least everyone who wants to do so can have at least one session with their own family. Our slots filled up in less than 3 hours, so many did not get a chance to sign up.

We look forward to adding slots in the first weeks of January.

Changing Schedules (Hybrid to Remote or Remote to Hybrid) for 3rd Quarter

Due to the shift to Remote Learning for all students for the last 5 weeks of 3rd Quarter, and due to Winter Break occurring at the end of 3rd quarter, we will be issuing a new timeline for requesting changes for those who want to move from one schedule to another. While the timeline is not finished, we will move the timeline later into the 3rd quarter and the change will be in effect for the remainder of the school year.

Due to all of the above reasons, please monitor your email closely, as we will be communicating next week and at least once during the Winter Break period.

Thank you for your patience, support, and perseverance,

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