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Noxon Road Elementary School
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Dear Noxon Road Families,

I couldn't be more eager and excited to be writing to you again, kicking off the start of our 2020-2021 school year. Although the current circumstances present many changes, challenges and obstacles, I want you to know that they also provide opportunity and possibility...as long as we push forward, steady and calm...optimistic and open-minded...TOGETHER.

We thank the District for the Town Hall presentations, memos and phone messages, as we all have tried to make sense of the work, plans, proposals, structures and solutions put before us. Throughout this journey, I myself have felt overwhelmed, frustrated, confused and concerned about the future for our children. I join you, our families in the exhausting balancing act of planning for my own child's online learning while working full time. I join you, our families, fearful of how this situation will impact the growth and development of the children within our community. I join you, our families, awake at night wondering how something like this could happen in our lifetime, praying that everyone does their part to get our world back on track.

Having said that, I ***also*** join the Noxon Staff, made up of extraordinary, dedicated, creative, committed teachers, teaching assistants, custodians, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, secretaries and more... willing to stop at nothing to ensure our students have the educational experience that they deserve. It is being part of this community, one that many call "The Noxon Family" that allows confidence to overshadow fear, motivation to replace stagnance and creativity to stifle the boundaries that for most outside our walls, would seem impossible. Simply put, there is no better place for your child to be than in the Noxon Road Community. We will continue to get through this...

Here is where we are at and what's to come!

- Every Noxon family has responded to the District survey and all 302 students have been placed into either our Arlington Online School or our Noxon Road Hybrid Learning Program (being divided into Cohort A and Cohort B for each class section.) Cohort A will come to school on Monday and Tuesday and Cohort B will come to school on Thursday and Friday.
- The Parent Portal will open soon, identifying your child's teacher and Cohort information for those families who chose the Hybrid Learning Model.
- Transportation has received a detailed report indicating which students need bus transportation and is beginning to organize routes while ensuring distancing requirements are met on the bus.

- The Staff will be coming together on Sept. 2,3, 8 and 9th for our Superintendent’s Conference Days and engaging in professional development, Faculty Meetings, collaborative planning and essential preparation for the Full Remote Teaching/Learning that will take place for all students from Sept. 10-Oct. 2nd.
- After Oct. 2nd, the previously recorded family choice of Full Remote or Hybrid will be honored and we will transition those Hybrid students back in person, by Cohort, while the Arlington Online School will continue to teach those online students remotely, full time.
- The details related to both programs have been shared by Dr. Licopoli, Dr. DeSa, Dr. Brown, Mr. Finch and the Town Hall Panels and will again be shared in the next Friday Family Letter from me.
- The District is working on the distribution of chromebooks to families and to date, about 80 of our Noxon Road Elementary School families have received them. We continue to compile a list of chromebook requests for those families who have expressed a need and the District continues to work to address those requests.

Before we DIVE INTO Full Remote Learning for all kids on September 10th, we would like to do an In Person Kindergarten Orientation (for our incoming Kindergarten Hybrid students) and a Car Line Teacher Meet and Greet for all Hybrid students in 1st-5th grade! Also, we would like to do a “Car Line Send off to Online School” for all of our students participating in the Full Remote, Arlington Online School. Please **SAVE THE DATE** of **September 9th** and check out the details below:

In Person Kindergarten Orientation for Hybrid Kindergarten Students

- For Kindergarten Orientation, Hybrid Kindergarten families will be invited to Noxon Road Primary Playground between 9:00 and 11:45 on September 9th. Families will be divided by cohort as they engage in center based learning sessions and teacher meet/greets. Once the Parent Portal is open and families find out their assigned Cohort, more information will follow.

Car Line Meet and Greet for Hybrid Students in Grades First through Fifth

- Hybrid students in grades first through fifth will have the opportunity to safely meet their teachers, teaching assistants and the entire Noxon Family on September 9th, in our Car Line Meet and Greet! This will be a time for staff to give out any necessary materials for online learning and warmly welcome their new students to their class! Please keep this schedule handy and once Parent Portal is open, plan to come at the time slot of your child’s assigned teacher!
 - 5th Grade Mrs. Smith-Masten/Mrs. Wilser: 12:00-12:15 (Car line)
 - 5th Grade Mr. Heinke: 12:15-12:30 (Car Line)
 - 4th Grade TBD/Mrs. Forman: 12:30-12:45 (Car Line)
 - 4th Grade Ms. Pattison: 12:45-1:00 (Car Line)
 - 3rd Grade Mr. Longarino: 1:00-1:15 (Car Line)
 - 3rd Grade Mrs. Murphy: 1:15-1:30 (Car Line)
 - 3rd Grade Mr. Kurdi/Mrs. Battle: 1:30-1:45 (Car Line)
 - 2nd Grade Mrs. LaColla/Mrs. Schneider: 1:45-2:00 (Car Line)
 - 2nd Grade Mrs. Kimbark: 2:00-2:15 (Car Line)
 - 1st Grade Mrs. Gilliard: 2:15-2:30 (Car Line)
 - 1st Grade Mrs. Dunlop/Mrs. Schmitt: 2:30-2:45 (Car Line)
 - Mrs. McKeon & Mrs. Rao: 2:45-3:00 (Car Line)

Full Remote “Arlington Online School” Student SEND OFF TO SUCCESS

- For our Full Remote students who will be headed to “Online School” we will host a SEND OFF TO SUCCESS via Car Line on Sept. 9th from 8:15-8:45 am where your “old Noxon teachers and Staff” will wave goodbye, throw out hugs and kisses and give you all of the love and support necessary to rock your new school!

Again, please SAVE THE DATE of Sept. 9th for these special events and look for more information to follow after Parent Portal is open and teacher assignments are finalized.

As I close this letter, I’d like to remind you that despite the challenges ahead, we couldn’t be more genuinely excited to get our first through 5th graders back within our walls! WE MISS YOU ALL SO MUCH! On behalf of our entire Faculty we welcome our new, incoming kindergarteners and the many new students in 1st through 5th grade that are joining our family! Please take the time to read the closing letter below from Mr. Livermore, our previous PTA President and “meet” your new Noxon Road PTA Board through the introductions that follow. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out at KMurray@acsdny.org.

Warmly,

Dr. Murray

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope everyone is making the best of our current situation.

I am sending everyone this letter to let you know that a few things have changed with your Noxon Road Elementary School PTA Board. As most people know, my time as your PTA President has come to an end!

I have been promoted to President of the Arlington PTSA Council and I am also the Taconic Region Assistant Director for the Southern Tier of Dutchess County schools.

In May 2020 we voted the new Noxon PTA Board with Allison Smith as President. Recently, Allison and her family have moved and we greatly thank Cristine Blake for stepping up from Vice President, to be our new President! The board can continue on without a Vice President, but if anyone wants to help and be part of the board, please reach out to Cristine Blake and let her know!

Your new Noxon PTA Board that started July 1, 2020 and will go until June 30, 2022 is:

Cristine Blake – President – email: angelfire51@msm.com
Amanda Wood – Corresponding Secretary – email: businessgirl2329@gmail.com
Carol Daly – Recording Secretary – email: carol_daly@hotmail.com
Monica Belvedere – Treasurer – email: monicabelvedere78@gmail.com
Vice President – Position available

Please make sure you [Join the Noxon PTA](#) (at this link) no matter what happens this fall so our PTA can continue on with your support and help throughout the next school year. Your contribution helps pay for events and helps with school funds as well, such as the Arts and Education Program, field trips and other school functions.

I want to wish our new PTA Board the best in the upcoming year, and I know that they will continue to do a great job for our children and Noxon Road Elementary School.

All My Best,

Jay Livermore, Arlington Council, President & Taconic Region, Assistant Director



Your New PTA Board....

Hello Noxon Road! My name is Cristine Blake and I'm your new PTA President. My daughter Ava is in third grade, my daughter Alivia is in first grade and my son Joseph is also in first grade. I'm looking forward to working with all of you to bring in new ideas and revive old favorites!

Hi, my name is Carol and I'm the new recording secretary for the Noxon Road PTA. I have a son who is a senior at Arlington High School, a son in 2nd grade, a son in 1st grade and a daughter who will be starting kindergarten next year. I'm hoping to bring some fun and excitement to all the activities and events we have here at our amazing school!



Hi everyone, I'm Amanda Wood! I am the Noxon Road PTA's new corresponding secretary. I have a son in first grade and a daughter in kindergarten. I'm looking forward to having fun activities for our Noxon community to be able to come together and enjoy themselves!



I'm Monica Belvedere, your treasurer. I am the mother of Theo, a second grader, and Sophia, who is excited to attend Noxon Rd in a couple years. I grew up upstate on Lake George and moved to Poughkeepsie in 2014. I live with my husband and two children in Lagrange. I am a veterinarian in Westchester, and I love to run and enjoy the outdoors.

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