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Kelly Murray Principal Melissa Tirado Assistant to the Principal

Dear Noxon Road Families,

The countdown to our first day of remote learning has started and with that approaching, it is only a matter of time before we are all back together again, within the walls of Noxon, learning, growing, thriving and celebrating this great community that we are all a part of! Early next week I will be sending another letter, informing you of what to expect during this brief portion of full remote learning (Sept. 10-Oct. 2nd.) Tomorrow, you will be able to access the Parent Portal to find out teacher and Cohort assignments. As a result, I included detailed information about how to access the Parent Portal in this letter. Before that, please review our updates and important information:

- As I said last week, all of our "hybrid" students have been placed in their Cohorts. I am pleased to share that every Noxon family who requested a specific Cohort (with a valid reason for why this request was necessary) has been placed in their requested Cohort group. We will NOT be able to change any Cohort groupings moving forward.
- All of our online students have been placed with their online teacher. Although there was an initial thought that the online school would be "separate" from Noxon, that is no longer the case. I am pleased to share that I will remain responsible for all of the Noxon students placed in the online school and I have already begun to reach out to the District online teachers in order to establish a relationship and open lines of communication on behalf of our students.
- On Sept. 9th we are hosting our Kindergarten Orientation (for hybrid Kindergarten students) and our Car Line Meet and Greet (for students participating in the hybrid model in grades 1-5.)
 Details are on the next page!
- In addition we are also hosting our Online Student Car Line "Send off to Success" where Noxon Staff will be present to give our Online Super Stars some "Noxon Love" before they start their online learning. In addition, I have invited all of the Online Teachers to attend our Online students "Send off to Success" and hand out any necessary materials for online learning to our online students. Please note that not all online teachers will be able to be present due to demands in their specific schools but for the ones able to make it, we will be sure that your child gets a wave from their new teacher! At this time, there will not be an "in person" Kindergarten Orientation for online students as we want to respect the wishes of our families who picked "full remote" and minimize contact outside of vehicles. Please see details on the next page and adhere to the times assigned for each group coming to Noxon on Sept. 9th.
- The Parent Portal will open tomorrow, identifying teacher and Cohort information for all families. Please follow the steps below, once the Portal is open, to view placement information.

- Transportation has received a detailed report indicating which students need bus transportation and have organized bus routes while ensuring distancing requirements are met on the bus.
- The District has temporarily adjusted their five phase process for chromebook distribution and to date, all Noxon families who have requested a chromebook, have one.
- Supply Lists for each grade level have been posted on our <u>Noxon Road Elementary website</u>.
- The Arlington Food Service Department will be making school lunch and breakfast available to our students starting on September 10. Bagged "meal kits" that include both lunch and breakfast are available for any student who would like one. These meal kits are free for any student who is eligible for Free or Reduced Meals. For all other students, the cost to purchase the meal kit (which includes lunch and breakfast) is \$4.70 To learn more about this, please click on this link: Arlington Lunch Program

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. Families of
 students in Cohort A should arrive at 9am in the front of our school. Their session will end at
 about 10am. At 10:30, families of students in Cohort B should arrive. Their session will end at
 11:30. Kindergarten Orientation Invitation
- To limit the amount of visitors, one parent per family should accompany the Kindergartener. Siblings are not allowed.
- Parents, if possible please bring a laptop with you. The Kindergarten teachers will provide a workshop on Google Classroom.

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:/Mrs. Burt 12:15-12:30 (Car Line)
 - 4th Grade Mr. Rao/Mrs. Forman: 12:30-12:45 (Car Line)
 - 4th Grade Ms. Pattison/Mrs. Burt: 12:45-1:00 (Car Line)
 - o 3rd Grade Mr. Longarino/Miss Hettinger: 1:00-1:15 (Car Line)
 - 3rd Grade Mrs. Murphy/Ms. Ritacco: 1:15-1:30 (Car Line)
 - o 3rd Grade Mr. Kurdi/Miss Cabrera: 1:30-1:45 (Car Line)
 - o 2nd Grade Mrs. LaColla/Ms. Silva/Miss Heaton: 1:45-2:00 (Car Line)
 - o 2nd Grade Mrs. Kimbark/Miss McGuirk/Mrs. Rios: 2:00-2:15 (Car Line)
 - o 1st Grade Mrs. Gilliard/Mrs. Snyder: 2:15-2:30 (Car Line)
 - o 1st Grade Mrs. Dunlop/Mrs. Schmitt/Mrs. Battaglia: 2:30-2:45 (Car Line)
 - Mrs. McKeon/Mrs. McCarthy, Miss Spinelli, Mrs. Gargano, Mrs. Papale, Mrs. Mauro & Mrs. Rao, Mrs. Wechsler, Miss Baughman, Miss Horan, Mrs. King: 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! We have invited the online teachers to attend and although all are not able to be present, we will have those available, joining our team in a "welcome wave!"

Accessing Parent Portal

The Parent Portal is your access point to your child's grades, attendance, teacher assignment, etc. Once it is open to parents, you can access it following the directions below:

- 1. Go to https://st-ar.mhric.org/arlington/Default.aspx and sign in to your Parent Portal account.
- 2. After you login you can select a child with the "View Student Record" button shown below.



 Your child's login information is located right by their picture shown below. When logging into Google make sure to add the @acsdny.org to the username (emunster@acsdny.org)



- 4. New this year, you will see flags appear under the student picture (see below.) These flags indicate the Cohort assigned to the student meaning:
 - Blue flag student attends school on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday starting on October 5th.
 - Maroon flag student attends school on Monday and Tuesday starting on October 5th.
 - Gray flag student attends school on Thursday and Friday starting on October 5th.
 - Green flag student is learning from home remotely.

If you have difficulty signing into Parent Portal, please use these resources:

- Click <u>here</u> to go to the Parent Portal information page on the district website.
- Click this link for access to a Parent Portal FAQ for families.
- Parent Portal help desk: <u>parentportal@acsdny.org</u>

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We can't wait to see you all at our upcoming events on September 9th. As you plan for them, please ensure the following guidelines for safety:

- For our hybrid families coming for the Kindergarten Meet and Greet, only one family member can accompany each incoming kindergarten child. Masks must be won at all times (by adults and incoming kindergarten students) and no siblings will be allowed to attend. A Covid Screening will need to be completed, prior to entry at our event.
- For our Car Line Meet and Greet, please remain in your vehicles at all times and drive slowly towards the rear of our school, following the line of cars and adults directing traffic. Please ensure your masks are on as teachers will be approaching your vehicle to say hello and possibly hand you student learning materials.
- For all events to function smoothly, start and end times will be strictly adhered to. Please arrive and exit at the times indicated above so that all families can have a safe and enjoyable time!

And last but not least, please Save the Date for this fun event, planned by our PTA! If you haven't joined the PTA already, please Join the Noxon PTA! Warmly, Dr. Murray

