April 9, 2021

Dear Arlington Community,

We are looking forward to Monday, April 12, when all hybrid students in grades K-12 will begin attending school in-person five days a week! “Operation Kidz-In!” supports our mission to educate our students and to support social emotional learning, while doing all we can to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. As always, our top priority is the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff.

We have created the Operation Kidz-In In-Person Learning Guide to share what we are doing to protect our school community and to remind families about your important role in helping us continue to maintain safe and healthy schools for everyone. The guide also contains links to important resources, school contact information, and tips for where to direct your questions.

Please remember the following:

- Complete the Student Daily Health Screening Form before you send your child to school. Parents must first log into their child’s Arlington Google account to complete the form.
- Please do not send your child to school if they are sick.
- Remind your child about the proper use of face coverings.
- Remind your child to wash their hands frequently. When hand washing is not possible, hand sanitizer is available.
- Have alternative child care plans in place in case your child and/or the class has to isolate or quarantine.

Contact Tracing Update (See page 3)

As you are aware, Arlington has taken extra precautions to keep our students and staff healthy. We have installed desk barriers when it is not possible for students to remain 6-feet apart along with air purifiers in each classroom. Additionally, as highly recommended by the NYSDOH, students and staff are required to wear face coverings at all times when on school property. After meeting with the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health, we have revised our contact tracing and quarantine protocols for elementary school students:

- Proximate contacts in elementary school classrooms will no longer be required to quarantine. The same rules will now apply across K-12 District classrooms. Students and staff in classrooms with a positive case within the 48-hour look-back window are quarantined if they fall under the definition of a close contact (within 6 feet for more than 10 minutes without a barrier).
April 13 Board of Education Meeting
There is a Board of Education Meeting on Tuesday, April 13 at 7:00pm. In addition to recognizing the Class of 2021 Valedictorian, Gigi Goldfischer, and Salutatorian, Sally Ball, the agenda will include the latest draft of the Arlington Educational Plan and Budget.

The Board agenda allows for a public comment period toward the beginning and end of the meeting. The first opportunity is for general questions and or concerns. The second opportunity is for areas only involving the items reviewed on the agenda. If you would like make a comment, during the April 13 meeting, please join the meeting via this *Zoom webinar link and use the raise hand feature (click here for more information) in order to be recognized at the appropriate time.

If you wish to join via telephone, please dial (646) 518-9805 or (646) 876-9923.
Webinar ID: 973 5810 8987
Passcode: 835385

If you join the webinar by phone, dial *9 to raise your hand, and dial *6 to mute/unmute.

Members of the community who wish to watch, but not comment during the meeting, can continue to watch on our Arlington Communications YouTube Channel.

On Tuesday, April 20, the Board will hold a special meeting to adopt the 2021/22 Educational Plan and Budget. This year’s school district budget vote will be held on Tuesday, May 18.

Please note that the Board will resume in-person Board of Education meetings on April 20. Meetings will be held in the Central Office located at 144 Todd Hill Road, Lagrangeville. Provisions will also be made for broadcasting the meeting along with an opportunity for remote call in for public comments. We will send details in next week’s update.

Have a good weekend.

Sincerely,
Larry Licopoli, Ph.D.

Have you missed an email from us? You can find our District Updates on our COVID-19 Hub and under District News at www.arlingtonschools.org.