

WESTWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Hello Westwood Families,

By the time you read this we will have completed a full week of school. We want to thank you for entrusting your children to our care during this unique time. It has felt so heartwarming to see their smiling eyes! They have done a great job wearing their masks, following classroom guidelines, and adjusting to a digital approach of learning. We are also so proud of our remote learners. We are seeing precious pictures of work submissions. There are a few key pieces of information I want to share.

Sharing of classroom health and status information- We must adhere to guidelines when it comes to sharing individual and classroom information for any reason. Please know Nurse Marlowe or myself will contact you if your child needs to quarantine from school due to a close contact or health concern. I want to clarify that Westwood Elementary is not able to directly nor publicly communicate COVID test results or symptoms for any individual. We expect your child to attend school each day unless they are specifically told by the school or a medical professional to quarantine. If we do not communicate with you, your child is expected to be at school unless you have chosen the remote learning option. If your child is notified to quarantine, then their teacher will communicate with you regarding temporary remote learning options. The Schoology login information necessary for remote learning was mailed to you at the start of the school year. Also know we are awaiting additional devices to meet your digital needs. Westwood does not have the means to supply each student with devices for remote learning. We will do our best to help you as we are able.

Absences- If you have selected the in-person learning option, you are expected to attend physical school as you would if we were not in a pandemic unless you have been quarantined by a medical professional, Nurse Marlowe, or myself, Mrs. Jackson. Should your child become ill or not feel well, please keep your child home. Please remember we need an excuse within 2 days of the student returning as to why they were absent. If you have questions, we will gladly clarify. Please understand information changes rapidly in regards to COVID guidelines, etc. We are doing our very best to stay abreast of the latest guidance.

Much of school in the way we knew it has been modified or changed. The environment has changed somewhat in the amount of groups gathered and the way instruction is delivered. Our teachers are going above and beyond the call of duty to meet all children's needs. Please know that you are welcome to call and share any celebrations or concerns you may have. We will do our best to listen attentively and adjust when needed. Please make sure you check our website regularly and follow along the Westwood Elementary Facebook page. A wealth of information is shared through these platforms. Have a wonderful weekend!

Best,

Michael Anne Jackson
Principal, Westwood Elementary