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MELROSE PARK

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Melrose Park Families,

We hope everyone is staying warm and healthy as the pandemic continues to challenge us. We are excited to welcome students back in person on Monday, January 10th. As we are sure you are aware, COVID infections rates are increasing. Fortunately, we know that increasing vaccination rates and strict adherence to our safety protocols will allow us to maintain a safe, in-person learning environment. Please know that we will continue to monitor our local health conditions in our communities and will respond accordingly. We remain committed to our layered mitigation strategies that have proven effective in reducing the transmission of COVID at our schools and that have allowed us to keep in-person learning available for all of our students. We appreciate your continued partnership, support and flexibility as we continue to navigate the challenges posed by COVID.

To help keep our school open for in-person learning, we encourage everyone to:

- **Please keep sick children at home.** If your child is exhibiting symptoms, please contact our school nurse and she will advise you on when it is safe for your child to return to school.
- Wear masks.
- **Report positive results.** Families should report positive COVID-19 test results or close contacts with COVID-19 positive individuals immediately to our school nurse, Ms. Done.
- Get tested. Current vaccines are expected to protect against severe illness, hospitalizations, and deaths due to Covid. However, breakthrough infections in people who are fully vaccinated are likely to occur.
- **If you have your child tested, please keep your child at home until you receive the results from the test** (and of course if they receive a positive test result).

Local Free Testing Sites:

- Lexington School in Maywood on the playground: Provided by Medical Lab incorporated
- Broadview Fire Department parking lot; 2400 S 25th Ave (7A -7P) call 708-681-3600 for information

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- Monday, January 10th: Return to In-Person Learning
- Tuesday, January 11th: Early Release 2:20 pm
- No School January 17th: Martin Luther King Jr Day
- Monday, January 24th- Virtual Family Math Night

Health Protocols

Please keep students experiencing flu/cold-like symptoms at home until symptom free and notify the School Nurse for absences at kristiana.done@maywood89.org or at 708-450-2042.

Final Thoughts

If you or your family are experiencing any hardships, please reach out to Dr. Rodriguez or one of our social workers, Mrs. Lega or Ms. Torres, as our staff is here to help.

Have a great weekend!

Dr. Rodríguez & Ms. Sepúlveda