

Magnet Theme Implementation and Resources for 2020

August 12th, 2020

Overview

We know that this school year will be like no other! Our goal is to provide students with choice in their electives regardless if they are in the VA or receiving in person instruction. We want to give our families clear expectations while knowing that we will need flexibility as the school year continues to meet the many needs of our students. Below we hope to answer any questions you might have about our magnet implementation for this school year.

Goals

- 1. To provide a relevant and engaging education and will graduate students who are collaborative, creative, effective communicators and critical thinkers.**
- 2. To nurture the gifts and talents of our students.**
- 3. To offer students choice in the electives they take.**
- 4. To build classroom community and offer effective feedback to students through a daily elective Monday-Friday.**

Factors to Consider

1. As a school we will have remote learning for at least 4 weeks for all students. The date for transition for Plan B students to integrate back into the building will depend on a variety of measures as determined by the WCPSS.
2. 77% of our population has opted for remote learning for at least the first half of the school year. Even when we transition back to Plan B in person approximately 90% of students will be in a virtual environment each day.

Logistics

1. Elective Registration

- Ms. Wilkinson will go over how to register for electives during a live google meet with students by homeroom during the first week of school. For 1-2 students you may view this video link on how to register your child for electives.
- We will only be registering for 1st quarter electives.
- Elective registration forms will be due by noon Wednesday, August 19th.
- Our goal is to create balanced classes. Registration priority will be given to 5th, then 4th, etc. as in the past. Priority is not given for how quickly students complete the registration. Students will register as a class based on a predetermined schedule. In the Spring, students will register opposite of when they register in the Fall.

2. Elective Times

- First quarter electives will run from August 31st-October 9th. For the first quarter each student will have one elective for 40 minutes Monday-Friday for grades 2-5. First grade students will have a 30 minute elective. Kindergarten students will have a daily special Monday-Friday. Kindergarten students will not have an elective first quarter as they will be focusing on using the online platform and acclimating to school.
- 1st grade-11:00-11:30
- 2nd grade-12:45-1:25
- 3rd grade-1:30-2:10

- 4th/5th grades-2:15-2:55 (Advanced Band/Orchestra will take place from 3:00-3:45)

3. Elective Format

- Electives will use Google Classroom as the platform for instruction. A consistent combination of live instruction and recorded lessons will be provided for students. This schedule will be posted the first day of electives.
- Attendance will be taken each day and students will be given an elective grade. Weekly feedback will be given to students through google classroom.

4. Band

- 3rd, 4th or 5th grade students who are interested in joining band will need to complete this [Registration form](#).
- We will not be offering band as an elective 1st quarter but hope to have it 2nd quarter.

5. Orchestra

- 3rd grade students who are interested in joining orchestra will need to complete this [Registration Form](#).
- 1st quarter orchestra will consist of introduction to instruments, rhythms, how to read music, and other essential skills that will be necessary for students to be successful.
- Instruments will not be assigned during this time and will not be needed for beginning orchestra. Students in continuing or advanced orchestra will be using instruments.
- For students in continuing orchestra (4th and 5th graders) classes will take place from 2:15-2:55 each day Monday-Friday. For students in advanced orchestra (5th graders) classes will take place from 3:00-3:40 each day Monday-Friday.

6. Odyssey of the Mind/Theater Production/Science Olympiad

- Decisions about these electives will be made when we have more information and guidance from the organizations as things continue to change.

[List of electives for fall 2020](#)