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Hello Families,

Please see the PTA updates here: <https://www.smores.com/asfwp>

We have seen an increase in students with symptoms of Covid and the stomach bug. Please keep your child home if they have any symptoms or are running a fever. Children that are vomiting must stay home. One day of rest at home can help and in the long run, might prevent further spread of illness. If you have to give your child medication in the morning to reduce fever or prevent coughing, they need to stay home for the day. Please take advantage of free COVID testing locations in our area. Our goal is to maintain a healthy environment for our students. Our teachers do not want to have to return to online instruction. We are cleaning high touch areas, social distancing, and holding all accountable for mask-wearing compliance. We request that you send your child in a clean mask everyday. Masks should be washed in hot water. Our teachers are also conducting more strategic snack breaks and spacing students at lunch to limit exposure risks. All classes have seating charts for all areas that they visit in the school such as the cafeteria, classroom, and specials. This aids in the contact tracing process when/if there is a positive case.

I ask that you partner with us to keep our school community healthy and safe. As a parent, I understand that this is a time of many emotions- worry, frustration, anxiety and sometimes relief. Please be mindful of your responses to a call from school regarding your sick child or potential exposure. We are following the district expectations/policies that have been established. It is imperative that we follow this plan with fidelity. Our teachers should not be asked to disclose vaccination status, who may have tested positive, or details surrounding another child/staff member in quarantine. Only families directly impacted will be contacted. This is a WCPSS decision. Please know if we think that in any way your child was in contact with someone unmasked and tests positive you will be informed.

There is nothing more reassuring than knowing your children are in a safe, loving environment during the day. Though our teachers are not nurses or doctors, they can continue to do what they do best- to love your children, to prepare them socially and academically for further challenges, and to be a consistent source in a changing world. We just ask that you trust us in knowing that we are in the business of education because we love children and will always make decisions in their best interest- even if it is the "difficult right."

Many thanks,

Kelly F. Wilson
Principal