



The Barrow Buzz

Monday, October 12, 2020

News to Use



I want to thank all our wonderful families for the support you have been giving our teachers!! The positive comments you have been sharing with me and the staff really makes a difference!! We will continue to be Trailblazer strong!!

Family Survey

To form our school plans for a possible return to in-person learning under a hybrid model, we are asking our families for help. Each family should have received an email asking you to share whether you would prefer to have your children return to in-person learning or remain with distance learning. If you do not choose an option, the district will mark your choice as hybrid.

Since we need specific information for each student, survey links were emailed to just one guardian in each household. Messages went to the person listed as the first contact for your family in Infinite Campus. Please check your junk or spam folders for an email from east@k12insight.com. If you did not receive a survey, please call us at school so we can help. The survey closes at midnight on Wednesday, October 14th.

Hybrid Model

I have received over 100 emails asking details about the hybrid model for Rosa Parks. Some of the questions asked I am not able to answer at this time until we get the data from the district survey that you received on Friday. I understand your concerns and your questions. Transparency is my number one goal and as I learn new information I will be sharing it with you. The following are responses to questions that were repeatedly asked in the emails I received.

- If you choose hybrid, Fayette County has created an algorithm through Infinite Campus to divide students into two demographically diverse groups. Cohort A will attend school on Monday and Tuesday and be remote Thursday and Friday. Cohort B will be remote Monday and Tuesday and will attend school on Thursday and Friday. Wednesday will be a deep cleaning day and students will work remotely. If you have multiple children in your household, they will go to school on the same days. Parents cannot request which cohort they are placed in.
- The school start time for in person learning during hybrid will be 7:35-2:25. Bus drop off will begin at 7:05. Car riders and walkers can arrive at 7:15. The times were set by the district to allow the cleaning of school buses between their routes.
- It is my understand that once you choose hybrid or remote learning, you will stay with that option.

- With the choices the district are providing for instructional types, there is a possibility that your child's teacher may change. I understand this is a number one concern of our parents. I would love to keep all students with the teacher they have bonded with since the beginning of school. I think this is a priority, but with the district offering hybrid AND remote learning, schools have to come up with a plan accommodating each option of instruction. Decisions will be made based on the amount of students at each grade level that choose hybrid or remote learning. This data will drive our decision making in how instruction will look.
- We do not know how long hybrid instruction will last. It is the district's goal to get back to full day instruction as soon as it is safe to do so.
- If you choose hybrid, there have been lots of questions about what students will do on their remote days. We are working hard on what this will look like. Streaming live all day for lessons is not an option for the district due to the bandwidth and internet issue. There may be some live streaming on remote days with asynchronous learning along with office hours and check-in times for students to receive help with their assignments. Again, this is all subject to change depending upon the results of the parent survey.
- I realize many families are working together in "pods". However, the district is dividing the cohorts based on the criteria I mentioned above. Parent request for keeping specific students together on in person days is not available.
- A health and safety plan will be shared prior to the return to school date.

As soon as I receive the data from the survey. We will finalize the hybrid plan and I will share it with you. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to email me.

PTA Meeting TOMORROW!!!

Please join us for the October PTA meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 13th at 6:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9723660000?pwd=VUVzU2RmL1g3QjN3a05pS1U2NIRudz09>

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Virtual Storytime with Mrs. Hollinger

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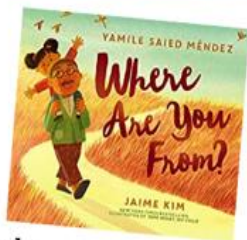
VIRTUAL STORYTIME

LIVE WITH MRS. HOLLINGER!

*EVERYONE in your family is invited!
Join us as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage
Month with TWO special books!*



THURSDAY,
OCT. 15
7:00 PM



Zoom Link:

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