LFDCS School Reopening
Academy- Parent Zoom Meeting
Thursday, August 13, 2020

Parent Questions and LFDCS Responses

- Items not asked about but brought up:
  - School will open September 14 for K-2 and 1st Grade; September 15 for K1; 7:45-3:10; full days.
  - All parent meetings and conferences will be virtual.
  - Parents and other visitors will not be allowed in the buildings to minimize the number of people staff and students’ exposure.
  - During the first week of school, procedures will be taught for things like hand sanitizing, hallways, stairs and bathrooms.
  - Parents should not send big bags of supplies--send a few things at a time in the backpack.
  - All students should bring a mask, a small hand sanitizer and a water bottle.
  - Students will not be sharing supplies like crayons and pencils, but the Academy has ordered many items. You will be notified about what they need.

- Why do Academy students have to go full days instead of the Hybrid Model?
  - Medical experts agree that 4-6 year olds have higher resistance than adults and with masks, handwashing and sanitizing, and distancing, can be safe in school. Ms. Crescenzo shared pictures of K-1 and K-2 classrooms.

- Can parents choose to keep students home?
  - Yes, if parents would like to keep them home they will have all remote learning. They must stay out until the end of the quarter (November 20) before returning. You will need to provide a device and must have internet access.
  - Keeping a 4, 5, or 6 year old at home is not advisable although we respect the parents’ decision. K-1 students do not have a framework of the structure of school and do not know the teachers. K-2 and Grade 1 students may have learning loss from being out of school since March. K-2 students are in a critical place in their development as readers. First graders are usually reading but may have gaps if they did not read enough from March on.

- What if a student has symptoms?
  - Keep them home until they have a negative test or quarantine for 14 days.
  - If they have symptoms during school, the school nurse will wait with student in an isolation room. The parent will be called and must pick them up.
  - If they are home sick they can use the Remote tools. We will be looking at the Attendance Policy in light of the pandemic.
  - During the first week of school teachers teach and practice behavior and routines. The nurse will be going into classrooms to help teach all the necessary skills.
• Can we shorten the school day?
  o No, school days are counted in hours, and we are mandated to reach a specific number of hours. We have already cut the year by 10 days.

• How will they go into school?
  o Students will be dropped off at 7:45am at the front of the building and will get breakfast to bring to the classroom to eat. A maintenance worker will be at the door to help.

• Will you require teachers and staff to be tested before students come to school?
  o No, because of a law we cannot mandate testing or require them to share results. They will be in school a few weeks before the students, and we will be discussing this.

• Can we still get the uniform discount?
  o Go to the website for uniform information.

• Will students still have gym?
  o Gym will be outside when the weather permits. They will have gym in the classroom. They can play games and Ms. Simard always has great ideas of things to do.

• Will private transportation be available?
  o Yes, but first you need to check out its protocols: cleanliness, one student in a seat, masks on.

• Will I get to meet the teacher?
  o There will be virtual Open House, conferences; all parent meetings will be virtual.