



December 8, 2020

Dear PRES Families,

Thank you for all you are doing to partner with us to educate our children. It has certainly been challenging to navigate these days with rising covid cases. We continue to work hard to keep schools safe and make learning meaningful for our students. Staying safe, connected, and engaged continue to be our top priorities.

Wednesday, December 9th - HALF REMOTE DAY: Tomorrow, Wednesday, December 9th is a **fully remote** half day for students. The instructional day will take place between **9:00-11:30 AM**. Teachers will communicate the schedule and plans for the day. The afternoon is devoted to necessary planning, collaboration, and professional development for teachers.

BCSD Elementary Literacy Night - December 9th at 6:00 PM: We hope you'll join us for an informative evening to learn more about how students learn to read, how we teach reading in BCSD schools, and how you can support your young readers at home. Please click on the Literacy flyer for more details and for the Zoom meeting link: [Elementary Literacy Night](#).

Report Cards Go Live on Friday, December 11th: On Friday, December 11th after 3:00 pm, you will be able to access your child's fall report card on the eSchool parent portal. Prior to viewing your child's report card, please read this important information: [BCSD Elementary Report Card during COVID-19 ENGLISH / SPANISH](#). To access the portal, go to the BCSD homepage and click on the "Parent Portal" link in the lower right hand corner.

Making an Instructional Model Change: As you know, you are allowed to request a change to your child's instructional model. Please keep in mind that managing these requests has become increasingly challenging due to the volume and steps required to process these requests. Teachers, on a daily basis, are planning for students in multiple models - hybrid, all-in, and fully remote, weeks in advance. This instructional planning requires material preparation, material distribution, and thoughtful organization. Every time an instructional model change is requested, it requires us to change our student database for attendance records, communicate with classroom teachers, special area teachers, service providers, technology dept., transportation and food service. Teachers need to gather materials and arrange for instruction to be delivered. Classroom set-up, furniture, and technology needs all must be considered. **Please make sure to make any formal requests for an instructional model change for your child in writing to the principal.**

Taking Vacation during School Days: I want to acknowledge that while parents do have the right to make a change to their child's instructional model for health concern reasons, we cannot make accommodations for families who decide to take a vacation. While a child is away, we cannot make additional arrangements to provide work to your child. If you have to be out of state for other necessary family obligations, please communicate with us in advance, complete the necessary quarantine upon your return, and arrange for a family member or neighbor to pick up any necessary materials. We know these are challenging times for families and for schools. Let's continue to work together as we weather this storm and remain hopeful for brighter days ahead. We are stronger together.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support.

Sincerely,

Amy Fishkin