COMMUNITY UPDATES

March 3, 2020

PTA Meeting: The next PTA is on March 18th. In addition to discussing the BBQ, and other upcoming events, we will vote on next year’s PTA Officers. All three of us, Erik, Natalie and myself, plan to stay in our current roles unless anyone really wants to take one over. We will vote if needed and have next year’s officers in place by the end of the meeting.

PTA Meeting: The April PTA meeting is April 15th. We will discuss and approve the 2020/2021 budget at this meeting. So get your taxes done early! If anyone can’t make it, I can give you a copy of the proposed budget before the meeting, you can give me your notes, and I can bring them up at the meeting.

PTA Meeting: Our final meeting of the year, May 20th, will hopefully be at a park and celebrating another successful BBQ and school year.

Teacher Appreciation Day on Friday. Many of the teachers have been going through hard times in the last two months, so we wanted them to know how important and supported they are. The PTA took a treat cart around to all the teachers, let them select a snack and beverage, and had their class give them a big thank you. We also provided lunch from the Rusty Taco.

Staffing Updates: We are excited to welcome Kelsey Fugita to our third grade Kendallvue team! Rachael Alford from West Jeff Elementary will be joining the fifth-grade team. She will bring a lot to our team. Thank you to the interview team for making thoughtful decisions during your deliberation. Pat Bolin is here for Michel Schrieber May.

Our Community Resource Liaison, Denise Stephenson, resigned last week. We wish Denise nothing but the best in the future. Please be assured that we are actively working on locating qualified candidates to fill this role for the 20-21 school year. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.
Colonial Day: Thank you to everyone that made Colonial day such a success. These are the days that our children will remember.

March 19, 2020: Please note the district-wide calendar change for Thursday, March 19. There will be NO SCHOOL for students that day. Details can be found in an email sent directly from the district, as well as a call made from school messenger, and in the informational media message below. Please check with your before and aftercare provider to see if full daycare is available! We appreciate your patience and cooperation on the matter!

Spring Sing and Swing: Our Kendallvue 1st, 2nd, and 3rd-grade students will be sharing some of what they learned in music this year on Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Coronovirus: Jeffco Public Schools has been coordinating with local public health agencies as we monitor the global outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), keeping in close contact with Jeffco Public Health Department (JCPH) and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) on this subject.

We have created a dedicated page about Coronavirus (COVID-19) on our district website to share information and tips on reducing the spread of disease. Our “Highly Infectious Emergency Preparedness Plan” is posted on our health services webpage.

While there have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Colorado to date, we want to take this opportunity to provide you information about how Jeffco Public Schools is monitoring this issue and what you can expect in the event of a major outbreak in Colorado.

What is Jeffco Public Schools Doing? Since the beginning of the outbreak, Jeffco Public Schools has been collaborating with our public health partners. The school district has an infectious disease preparedness plan and we work in coordination with these agencies to ensure the continuity of learning throughout any such situation.

It is important to know that during a major outbreak, we would follow the health department’s lead on any quarantines, closures, or other health measures needed. Our focus has been on how to ensure the safety of students and staff, and how education can continue. In addition, the district would use various electronic systems to allow for student learning remotely during this period.

We have received a number of questions regarding students or families who have recently traveled internationally. As you may know, protocols have been put in place to evaluate and, in
some cases, quarantine passengers as they return to the United States. Our public health partners are not recommending additional actions by school districts at this time.

**What is Coronavirus?** Coronavirus are a large family of viruses that cause respiratory symptoms such as fever, cough, and shortness of breath. These viruses spread through coughing or sneezing, much like the flu. There is no vaccine for the COVID-19.

**What can I do to stay healthy?** Again, the current risk to the general public in the U.S. from this virus is currently considered low, however just as is recommended for other respiratory viruses, people can protect themselves and others through some simple actions: Protecting yourself from Coronavirus COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses (source: CDPHE):

**If you are healthy:**

- Continue your normal routine. This means you can continue to participate in public gatherings such as work, school, or social activities.
- Get your flu shot, and stay up-to-date on other routine childhood and adult immunizations.
- **Wash your hands** with soap and water or, at minimum, use an alcohol-based hand rub, which may be less effective than soap and water.
- Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces such as desks, doorknobs, handrails.

**If you are sick:**

- Stay home
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your inner elbow shirt sleeve.
- **Wash your hands** with soap and water or, at minimum, alcohol-based hand rub, which may be less effective than soap and water.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Avoid close contact with anyone else with cold or flu-like symptoms.
- Get your flu shot, and stay up-to-date on other routine childhood and adult immunizations.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces such as desks, doorknobs, and handrails. Additionally, we have stringent cleaning practices in place at all of our district schools and facilities to help avoid disease transmission. Our custodial services staff are receiving additional training and are monitoring the situation to ensure safe practices are in place.

**Feeling Sick? Stay Home!** As always, we encourage anyone who is feeling ill to stay home, especially if they are experiencing the symptoms listed in our [Too Sick for School?](#) guidelines.
In sharing this information with you today, our intention is to provide factual information about Coronavirus COVID-19 and tips on reducing the spread of disease. We will continue to update families and staff as we know more about the potential progression. As a community, we must work together for the safety and well-being of all of us and we appreciate your ongoing support of our schools.

Census: Please check out the information for the census.

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Check out the CMAS test schedule for 3rd-4th grade here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g6iQNReeqiWHUAeUBWg7Ji4V2na1bF2A01OB9VpdK0E/edit?usp=sharing

Upcoming Events:

February 27th- Report Cards sent home
February 28th- Exclusive 4th grade Wax Museum Exhibit @ Kendallvue
March 2nd- 5th Grade Colonial Day
March 5th- Class Picture Day
March 11th- Spring Sing and Swing (1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade) 7pm
March 18th- PTA Meeting
March 19th- Parent Meeting for the 3rd and 4th grade overnight trips
March 23th-27th- SPRING BREAK - no school

Helpful Links:

Facebook  Instagram  Twitter  Website  Photos  Calendars  Lunch Schedule