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Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better.

Maya Angelou

Success is the sum of small efforts - repeated day in and day out.

Robert Collier

Dear Parent or Guardian:

It is hard to believe that we are already closing in on Thanksgiving. I wish everyone the very best during these difficult times.

At the elementary school, we are working very hard to provide students with a safe learning environment including the wearing of masks, disinfecting areas frequently, and following social distancing guidelines. Our hope is that the corona virus infection rates in Otsego County remain low and allow us to continue our hybrid learning model with in-person instruction. Please let me know if you have any questions about this, especially if you are an all-remote learner contemplating a return to the hybrid in-person instruction in December.

The two quotes above both speak to doing your best and counting each day's small successes. Incremental progress is important and should be celebrated each day. Please remember that all students have daily assignments from their teachers. All-remote students have home-based assignments Monday through Friday (including ZOOM instructional sessions two days per week) and hybrid learning students have home-based assignments on Mondays and on their home learning days. I appreciate your help in making sure your child completes assignments each day. Please don't hesitate to talk to your child's teacher if you have any questions about any school assignments.

Please don't hesitate to call or email me with questions, concerns, or if you would just like to chat about education and the current learning models we are using this year.

Sincerely,

Mike Snider
Principal

Here are some important dates and some important information for families. This continues on the second page.

1. All-remote students planning to return to in-person instruction for the second trimester.

A letter recently went home asking all-remote families if their student planned to return to the elementary school for in-person instruction for the second trimester, which begins on December 14th. If you plan to change to the hybrid learning model for the second trimester, please return the form to the elementary office by December 4, 2020. Let us know if you have any questions.

2. School Photo pick-up for our all-remote students

For our all-remote students: If you had school photos made, you can pick them up at the security entrance of the elementary school (by the bus loop) Monday through Friday from 8:15 AM until 2:15 PM each day.

3. All-remote students – returning work to the elementary school

For our all-remote students: Parents or guardians can return completed assignments to the elementary school's security entrance (by the bus loop) any day that school is open. We have also added a drop off box next to the bus entrance. The drop box will be accessible after school each day. You can place any returned work in that bin. Please make sure to write your child's name and teacher on returned assignments.

4. Student information forms

If you haven't yet returned student information forms to the elementary office, please do so as soon as possible. The White form is for basic student information, the Yellow form is for emergency dismissal information, and the Purple form is for parent pick-up information. Let us know if you need another copy of the forms. Thanks for your help with this.

5. November 24 and December 22 – remote days – asynchronous

All students will work remotely, from home, on Tuesday, November 24th, and Tuesday, December 22nd. There will be no in-person instruction on those Tuesdays. Both of these days will be asynchronous, which means teachers will not schedule ZOOM instructional sessions on those days.

6. Thanksgiving Break – November 25 – 27 – NO SCHOOL

7. Winter Break / Christmas – December 23 – January 1 – NO SCHOOL

8. Snacks reminder – Please make sure that any snacks students bring to school that are meant to be shared are store bought and individually wrapped.

**Here are a couple of cartoons – one about school and one about Thanksgiving
Happy Thanksgiving.**

