Dear Families,

Attached is your child’s new school schedule, which is effective as of January 19, 2021.

At present, we plan to have all cohorts return to school. If the health data requires that we limit enrollment, you will be notified with the revision to your child’s schedule. Mrs. Ficalora and the office staff have worked diligently to create this document and it will assist you with smoothly transitioning to our new plan. For your reference, synchronous is defined as either in-class with a teacher or live streaming with a teacher. Asynchronous means posted work for students to complete independently.

**What is changing on the 19th?**

* New cohort assignments - the current hybrid model will end on 1/15/2021.
* The daily schedule is 8:55-3:40 PM. In-school or live streaming hours are 8:55-1:00 PM; at-home remote instruction is 2:00-3:40 PM.
* Potential to decrease to 80% or 60% present in the building depending on health data (students not in the building would live stream).
* Students will have individual polycarbonate barriers on their desks—seating will be a minimum of 3 feet of separation instead of 6 feet.
* RLA is stable at present. ***If RLA families want to switch to in-school learning, please contact the RLA Principal, Mr. Steven DeAngelo.***
* The majority of Special Education & Intervention will take place between 8:55-1:00 PM.
* Recess & snack has been added to the schedule.
* You will follow the same overall schedule whether we are in the building or remote.

**New cohorts for in-school and remote learning**

* Students have been assigned to a new cohort and specials color. The new cohorts are A1, A2, B1, B2, C1 (also “always in school” for students with IEP’s).
* The header in the top left corner of the attached schedule lists your child’s grade, teacher, cohort, and specials color.
* Colors for specials groups are either yellow or blue.

**Sample Schedule for the in-school part of the day -** A copy will be put in each student’s backpack by the end of the week.

* Morning Meeting
* Reading Workshop- 40-50 minutes
* Writing Workshop-40-50 minutes
* Math Workshop - 45-50 minutes
* Social Studies/Science/Health- 25-35 minutes

(Each content area will have *10-15 minutes of synchronous instruction (possible extended synchronous time depending on the lesson and*

*Independently assigned work and/or scheduled synchronous small group work instruction.)*

* Snack - 10 minutes behind barriers without a mask in the classroom. Recess will be outside whenever possible. Each class is assigned to a specific location, which will rotate daily.

**Sample Schedule for at-home part of the day – 1:00-3:40 PM**

* 1:00-1:30 - PM transition to home
* 1:30 PM - Lunch at home
* 2:00-3:40 PM - Each grade level’s schedule will be different
* Each class will have a synchronous 30 minute Special - Art, LLC, Spanish (Grades 3 – 5 only).
* Each class will have 1 synchronous and 1 asynchronous P.E. and Music in a 6-day cycle (30 minutes).

We have combined grade levels classrooms together for specials so please note your child’s color (yellow or blue) for these classes. Grade 3 is the only grade level that is not combining classrooms – they are still referenced as 3MA, 3MU, and 3W on the schedule.

* *Live*Synchronous Read Aloud with classroom teacher – 30 minutes.
* *Posted* Asynchronous Extension Activities for reading, math, writing each day – 35 minutes (e.g. independent reading, math homework, writing assignments, Prodigy, Freckle, etc.).

**ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL WILL REMAIN THE SAME**