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Llewellyn Friday Family Announcements

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August 14, 2020**Dear Families,**

Thank you so much to everyone who was able to attend our Parent Information Sessions this past Tuesday and Wednesday. During the Kindergarten Session we had almost 60 families in attendance and more than 170 during the 1st-5th Grade Session. I am so sorry if you missed it due to difficulties signing in! I plan to host future sessions in the next few weeks and hopefully you will not encounter the same difficulties again. (For future reference, some families said it was easier to sign in if they typed in the name of the session in Google Meets.) I was deeply humbled by and greatly appreciated all the support for Llewellyn, my staff, and myself. It is a challenge to be a school leader in these times, but I know the Llewellyn community is strong and we will get through this together.

ATTENDANCE & SOFT START WEEKS:

During the Information sessions I was able to address some of the questions asked, but unfortunately did not have all the answers needed. I will do my best to get the missing information to you as soon as possible. In case you were not in attendance or would like to review some of what was discussed, our school secretary, Stacey Lovett, has generously created a Q & A google doc for the sessions. You can find it [HERE](#).

One question that was asked several times had to do with attendance. While we hope your child will participate in the many different learning opportunities throughout the school day, according to the Oregon Department of Education, attendance needs to be taken daily, but can be over a period of 24 hours. This means that in a 24 hour period we hope to connect with each child at least once through that child's attendance in a class meeting, a small group period, a direct instruction session or by turning in assignments. During the Soft Start period, September 2-11, attendance will be taken during the Whole Group Social Emotional Meetings students will be having daily. More information on attendance will be coming soon!

Don't forget, during the Soft Start weeks, each family will receive one 30 min call/visit/chat from their teacher. Additionally, the school day during the Soft Start period will be shorter for students as it will consist primarily of a Whole Group Social Emotional Lesson/Activity and short practice sessions on Seesaw to allow students to practice logging in and using its features. Teachers will use the rest of the day to complete additional training and planning, as well as time to reach out to families whom they haven't connected with yet.

TECH NEEDS SURVEY:

If you haven't completed the Technology Needs survey yet, please do so by today (8/14) so that I may order the correct number of Chromebooks we need. Here is the link once again: [Llewellyn Tech Needs Survey](#) If you prefer to purchase one yourself, PPS has a list of recommended devices [here](#). You may also want a set of headphones.

KINDER PARENT SURVEY:

Kinder parents, don't forget to complete the easy 10-minute Family Questionnaire <https://forms.gle/zGVYETdwyFvttRdUA> by this Friday (8/14), if you haven't done so already. This information is very helpful in determining class placement. Again, we will share your child's class placement with you by Friday, August 21st.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

What supplies will your child need for Distance Learning? A school supply list for each grade level can be found on the [Llewellyn website](#) (under Quick Links on the left hand side).

REMIND:

One final note, new families to PPS and Llewellyn have received an email about a communication app called Remind. This is an app that we can use to send quick texts, announcements, or to call families without sharing our personal telephone numbers. You do not need to install the app to receive information from PPS or Llewellyn in this manner. This is because your child is already registered in our information system called Synergy (it's where we record attendance, grades, and can access family addresses and/or contact information.) Here is a link to more information: [Remind App for Students & Families](#)

To close I want to thank you all again for your patience and understanding as we put together this very complicated puzzle. I am excited to have the chance to partner alongside each and every one of you to make this year the best it can be.

Warmest Regards,

Principal Pam

PS: Class Lists- The official Class List notification is still planned for today, August 14th. I know that several of you have found the information by other means, but I hope that by sending out the notification everyone will have access to their teacher's name. Enjoy your weekend!

Important Dates:

1st Day of School-Grades 1-5 September 2nd

1st Day of Kindergarten September 8th

Soft Start Weeks September 2-11

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