



Dear Riverview Parents,

We hope you are enjoying the beautiful spring weather! It's hard to believe that we are almost halfway through March and the first day of spring is around the corner. Below is some important information for your consideration this week:

1. **Mask Expectations** – As you know, due to the steady decline of infections, positivity rates, hospitalizations coupled with the rise of hospital capacities, free and accessible testing, and increased vaccine rates, the CDC and State and County Health Departments have supported the ***release of mask mandates*** and we have adjusted our health and safety plan accordingly. However, with a mask optional environment, it is still the expectation that if Covid-related symptoms occur, children should stay home, see a primary care physician, and get tested (remember, we have the ability to administer both rapid and PCR tests at every location in the District). If tests are negative and symptoms persist, we ask that all students and staff wear masks until symptoms subside.
2. **Covid Update** – We have had inquiries regarding District Covid cases. The District's infection rates mirror the declining rates of State and County (as the Health Department has predicted). In the last month, there have only been a ***handful*** of positive cases in our schools. Remember, students who test positive for Covid are required to isolate for five days (if vaccinated). For unvaccinated students, isolation requirements increase (10 days if symptoms subside). Therefore, in order to stay in school, we continue to strongly recommend vaccinations for all students. We will continue to take a symptoms-based approach, and thus far, we have not seen transmission in school since the release of the mask mandate. ***This is good news*** and has allowed for a more "normal" educational environment. Please recall, however, that this is an ever-changing environment and we will continue to be vigilant, analyze data, and bend and flex as needed.
3. **K-8 iReady Results** (For K-8 Parents Only) – As many of you know, due to issues related to Covid, there has been a lack of state data in terms of monitoring student growth in K-8 Math and English Language Arts (ELA). As a result, the District is using the iReady program to address some of those needs. In brief,

the iReady program provides a three-time-a-year diagnostic to all K-8 students, and according to those results, assigns an individualized lesson pathway to each student. We have seen **tremendous growth** in reading and math when students complete at least **45 minutes** a week in the program. Please continue to encourage your children to take their iReady work seriously. These efforts are filling gaps caused by pandemic and continue to propel our students to new heights. Keep up the great work!

4. **Breakfast / Grab and Go Cart** – We have brought back the breakfast in the classroom program at Verner Elementary and the grab and go carts at the high school. Remember, meals are currently free for all students through the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. We have not heard as to whether or not that program will continue through next year, so take advantage of this while you can.
5. **Paraprofessionals** – We still need paraprofessionals to support students during the school day. If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in spending a few hours to make a real difference in the lives of students, **please contact us** right away. This is a rewarding job and one that is greatly needed. Please continue to spread the word!
6. **Strategic Plan Survey** – Every few years, the District engages in a strategic plan process in order to establish current and future priorities. We need your feedback! Below is a link to a survey that we have created to gather your experiences, ideas, and thoughts regarding the Riverview Experience. ***This survey is completely optional and will take approximately 15-30 minutes to complete.*** If you can spare the time, your feedback will help to get a pulse on community expectations and priorities as we plan for the future. Thank you in advance. The link to the survey was sent to district families.
7. **Riverview Musical** – Remember to book your [tickets](#) to Riverview's performance of Disney's ***The Little Mermaid***. Tickets are selling fast, so reserve your seats before it's too late, and bring the whole family! The details are below: