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December 11, 2020

Dear TFS Families,

While we continue to remain confident in the campus safety protocols and procedures, and the expert advice we receive from the Wake County Department of Health, our primary source for guidance during the pandemic, we have decided to make some changes for next week:

- Monday and Tuesday of next week will be work days for teachers and days to pick up materials/technology needed for next week and the virtual week January 4th-8th. We will have pickups for families whose last names start with A-L on Monday afternoon from 1:00PM – 3:00PM, to give the teachers Monday morning to plan and collect materials, and Tuesday morning from 10:00AM – 12:00PM for last names M-Z.
- Wednesday, December 16th, through Friday, December 18th, will be virtual learning days where students will zoom into a livestreamed class. Schedules will be provided by Monday to all families for these virtual days next week and in January.

We do realize that these changes may pose an inconvenience on your family's lives, in a variety of ways. We have always erred on the side of caution for the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff. These changes were made for several reasons:

- We want to assure the health and safety of our students as well as our faculty and staff, so that we may continue to provide in person learning in the new year.
- As state-wide numbers continue to rise, and in light of the holidays, we want to limit contact as much as possible, especially since children can tend to be asymptomatic
- Many families are already choosing the virtual option for the remainder of time until break and this will give a more consistent experience to all students.

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We continue to ask you to let us know if any of you are concerned about any [symptoms of COVID 19](#) in your family. Those symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus and they include:

Fever or chills

Cough

Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

Fatigue

Muscle or body aches

Headache

New loss of taste or smell

Sore throat

Congestion or runny nose

GI symptoms that could include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or possible stomachache.

Always feel free to contact the Wake County Health Department at (919) 250-4462 for additional information; they really are a great resource! We are here to help in any way we can, so please do not hesitate to contact us. You and your family remains in our prayers as we all navigate these trying times and strive to remain healthy in mind, spirit and body! Please feel free to reach out to Joanne Sullivan, our school nurse, or me with questions.

Sincerely,

Mike Watson

Principal