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## Friday Message-October 16, 2020

Dear Families,

When schools open on October 26th, there will be many, many changes and school will not be the same as when students left us in March. I know the kids are excited to return so I need your help preparing them for the transition. Students will be required to have temperature checks before getting off buses, vans, and out of cars. They will need to stay 6ft apart from others at all times, as well as wear their masks all day (except while eating & drinking). Additionally, they won't be able to share materials, outside toys, eat in the cafeteria, or use the playground equipment. Recess will consist of organized games instead of free play. We are rearranging classrooms and placing signs everywhere to provide visuals about expectations. This will be a huge shift for our students. Thank you for discussing this with students at home to help them prepare for their return, and rest assured we will take the necessary time to teach expectations and support students' social and emotional needs!

~Dr. Sykes

**Specials Change:** Our specialist teachers are what we call "singletons." They don't have anyone else in the building that teach the same subject area as they do. Because of this, and the need to teach both face to face students and those learning virtually, we will be adjusting their schedules. Music, Art, PE, Media, Technology, and French will be taught live everyday for students on campus. For students learning at home, they will teach using pre-recorded videos and provide asynchronous weekly assignments. The specialists will be available everyday for Virtual Academy Students during their assigned specials time to answer questions and provide any support needed. Additionally, all students will have the same special over the course of a week. This will allow for work on small projects and consistency. For example, Art will teach Kindergarten for an entire week and then teach first grade for an entire week, and so on. Thank you for understanding how we are making changes to navigate both learning environments. We will make changes as needed as we progress through the weeks.

\*Unfortunately, we do not have the capability to switch students from VA to Plan B before second semester\*

**Transportation for Plan B Students:** Please use this [link](#) to let us know how your student will be arriving/dismissing from school beginning Oct. 26th (for Plan B families only).

**MAGNET UPDATES** The Magnet Application Window is open and we are ready to schedule virtual LIVE tours with our upcoming families. If you know of any upcoming Kindergarten students for next year, have questions and want to learn more about our magnet theme, complete this form below and we will send details about your tour soon. Links to the form are also posted on our school website.

[Schedule a Virtual LIVE Tour of Dillard Drive Center for World Languages and Spanish Immersion](#)

[Magnet Elementary School!](#)

We are also in need of a committee of parents and staff who are interested in working together to support marketing our theme to the community and improving our building. Activities and events you might participate in may include task such as:

- Attending mini magnet fairs with DDMES staff (virtually)
- Helping with concerts, performances, or events focused on our magnet theme
- Painting, helping with bulletin boards, planting flowers, putting up pictures, etc.
- Taking our school brochure to preschool directors within our draw area
- Joining our "live" virtual tours with potential DDMES families
- HAVING FUN!!!

If you are interested in being on the DDMES Magnet Committee for the 2020-2021 school year, please complete the form below.

[DDMES Magnet Committee](#)

**PTA UPDATES:** Come see Dr. Sykes's Blue and Yellow Hair and Mrs. Griffin dressed as a unicorn at our McTeacher Spirit Day event. 10% of all money spent between 11am and 7pm at the McDonald's will go straight to our school! See the information in the picture below.



**School Spirit Day**  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28th  
11:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
1830 Walnut Street

**McDonald's of CARY**

**McDonald's® School Spirit Day**

**Come See Dr. Sykes with blue & gold hair & Mrs. Griffin as a Unicorn!**

**\*\*Appearance times will be between 12:00pm - 1:00pm and 4:30pm - 6:30pm**

The graphic features the Dillard Drive Magnet Elementary logo (a globe with a stylized 'D' and 'M'), a cartoon illustration of a man with blue and gold hair holding a pointer, a cartoon unicorn, and the McDonald's logo. A yellow banner at the bottom contains the event details and appearance times.

**SpiritWear:** There is still time to get your School Spirit Wear. Sale is good through October30th

<https://www.customink.com/fundraising/dillard-drive-elementary-school-fundraiser>

## Reminders

- October 19th - End of First Quarter
- October 21st- Asynchronous Day
- October 23rd- Teacher Workday (no school)
- October 28th- Asynchronous Day
- October 30th - Report Cards Sent Home



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