

Pond Cove Principal's Notes

Week of 3/1/2021

Dear Families,

I continue to be overwhelmed by the kind words and support Pond Cove staff have received from parents and families as we approach the one year anniversary of this pandemic. At the same time, many of you have shared your questions and concerns with me. As a community, we know that the safety of everyone is our top priority. However, we are all growing tired of the impact the current safety guidelines have on our ability to invite all students back in the building full time. We hear your voices loud and clear and share those concerns.

As you learned from Dr. Wolfrom's recent letter, an individual associated with Pond Cove School tested positive for COVID-19 earlier this week. Because of the layered safety measures we have in place, we were able to keep our building open with minimal impact to teaching and learning. These safety measures include:

- Health screening by students and staff prior to entering Pond Cove School
- Masking
- Social distancing
- Small cohorts in the classroom and at recess
- Modified allied arts schedule
- Assigned seating in the cafeteria

Pond Cove School continues to examine and follow the guidelines of the Maine Department of Education. At the same time, we monitor what works in our building and brainstorm new ways to adapt should the Maine DOE guidelines change.

We all feel the stress this pandemic is putting on our families and community, and also cannot wait to return to a more normal environment in our schools. I appreciate your continued patience and understanding as we progress through these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Jason Manjourides
Principal, Pond Cove Elementary



Please continue to complete this [Daily Symptoms Checklist](#) for your child each day before they attend or visit the school for any reason. This is very important as we work to keep our campus open for in-person school this winter. Thank you.

Mindfulness for Parents 2.0

March 1- March 22, 7:30pm-8:30pm

[Registration](#)

Please join us for another four sessions where we dig deeper into mindful parenting. We will explore more ways of anchoring in the present moment, living mindfully, being with difficult emotions, communicating mindfully, and cultivating compassion, and of course, whatever is alive in this moment for you. Also, if you were unable to join us for the first four weeks, or know someone who wasn't, and already have some familiarity with mindfulness, feel free to join as well! I find a more robust community can allow for depth of learning together.

Thanks so much!

Erica Marcus
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Mindfulness Director
Cape Elizabeth Middle School

If a Student is Required to Quarantine

To ensure that learning continues for these students, teachers have prepared lists of learning activities which will be posted in Google Classroom. On remote days they should access their remote learning like the rest of their cohort (maroon or gold). On their scheduled in-person days that they are home on quarantine, they should choose learning activities from the prepared lists. Your child's teacher will have more information for you on this.

Monday 3/1	Tuesday 3/2	Wednesday 3/3	Thursday 3/4	Friday 3/5
<p>Maroon cohort students in school.</p> <p>Gold cohort students at home working asynchronously on learning tasks previously sent home or posted on Google Classroom.</p> <p>Elected Fully Remote students follow the schedule provided by their teacher.</p>	<p>Gold cohort students in school.</p> <p>Maroon cohort students at home working asynchronously on learning tasks previously sent home or posted on Google Classroom.</p> <p>Elected Fully Remote students follow the schedule provided by their teacher.</p>	<p>We're Online Wednesday</p> <p>*All students work asynchronously at home.</p> <p>*Student Support by appointment</p> <p>*Parent meetings by appointment</p> <p>*Students complete unfinished assignments</p> <p>*Online skill practice</p> <p>*Students log in to Allied Arts Google Classroom and participate in assigned Allied Arts lessons</p> <p>*Special education services provided as scheduled</p> <p>*RTI math and literacy support provided as scheduled</p>	<p>Maroon cohort students in school.</p> <p>Gold cohort students at home working asynchronously on learning tasks previously sent home or posted on Google Classroom.</p> <p>Elected Fully Remote students follow the schedule provided by their teacher.</p>	<p>Gold cohort students in school.</p> <p>Maroon cohort students at home working asynchronously on learning tasks previously sent home or posted on Google Classroom.</p> <p>Elected Fully Remote students follow the schedule provided by their teacher.</p>

Looking Ahead

[2020-2021 District School Calendar](#)

Important Reminders

- If students arrive late to school (after 8:35 a.m.), please have them enter the Pond Cove front door and check in at the main office.
- Due to the pandemic, we are discouraging parents/guardians from dropping items off at school this year. It takes us all working together to keep everyone healthy and safe. Thank you for all your efforts at home!

Arrival and Dismissal Update

On days that you pick your child up, your scheduled time to arrive is listed below. Please do your best to arrive on time, but not before. All parents/guardians must remain in their vehicles throughout the pick-up process.

Maroon days

Last Name A-G 2:55

Last Name H-Z 3:05

Gold Days

Last Name O-Z 2:55

Last Name A-M 3:05

