# Principal’s Corner:

We had another great week at Silvia! We hope all families stayed safe during our mid-week Nor’ Easter. Our students did a wonderful job of transitioning back to learning after having an unplanned day off on Wednesday.

The month of November is a busy one for sure. On November 2nd, there is no school for students as FRPS staff will be engaged in a professional development day. On November 8th, we invite all families to our Celebration of Success from 5:30 - 7:00 pm at Silvia School. November 11th is no school in honor of our USA veterans. November 24th is an early release day and then there is no school on November 25th or 26th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

With November being such a busy month, it is even more important than usual to make sure students are attending school every day. Attendance and academic/social and emotional success are directly connected to each other. Please continue to make school attendance a priority for your children.

We wish everyone a wonderful weekend. If you do celebrate Halloween, we wish you a fun and safe Sunday night. Enjoy!

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# Cell Phones at School

Silvia School does NOT have “Bring Your Own Technology” in our school. This means, there is no need for students to have cell phones or personal devices at school. In addition, and based on FRPS policy, students when accessing online data, must be logged into FRPS internet. Any personal device being used on campus by a student is breaking this policy.

We understand some families send their children to school with a cell phone for communication purposes. If you need to reach your child during school hours, please call the office and any message you want your child to receive will be passed on to that child.

Cell phones and personal devices must stay in a student’s bag and within that student’s locker or cubby. If a student has his/her cell phone out during school hours, then the cell phone will be taken by the teacher/administrator. We will then call home and have a parent or guardian pick up the cell phone. Progressive discipline will be applied as well.

We ask families to review this practice with their children, especially if you are sending them to school with a device.

If you have questions related to this topic, please do not hesitate to contact administration directly.

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**SILVIA STARs**

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**Arrival Procedures:**
We continue to get better and better with arrival and as a result students are getting the most out of time on learning.

One issue that I need to address is that we need **ALL CARS TO FOLLOW THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC.** Unfortunately, we have cars cutting in line and others dropping kids off in the parking lot to avoid exiting with the flow of traffic.

We have placed cones to direct cars all in the same direction. This is important for the flow of traffic to be most successful. Please do not disregard cones and/or move them as it is a safety concern and also not in the best interest of our students.

**Calendar:**
- November 2, 2021 is NO SCHOOL for students
- November 8th from 5:30 - 7 is our Celebration of Success
- November 11, 2021 is NO SCHOOL for students and staff
- November 24, 2021 is a half-day for students and staff
- November 25th and 26th is NO SCHOOL for students and staff
- Find Silvia’s calendar [HERE](#)

**Automated Tardy/Absent Calls:**
If your child is absent please call the school 508-675-9811 and select 4 to leave a message on our absentee line.

The district has started to send automated calls to every student who is absent or late to school. If you have already informed the school of your child’s absence, there is nothing else to do. The automated calls are being placed to all students on the absentee/tardy list, even if a reason is listed. You do not need to call the school more than once.

**Celebration of Learning Night for Families - November 8th:**
We are inviting all PreK - 5 families to join us at Silvia for our Celebration of Learning on **November 8th from 5:30 - 7:00.** We did not have an in person Open House this year with the plan being to have families join us later in the year for Celebration of Learning. The night will be used to illustrate and highlight for families some of the exciting learning the students have been engaged in so far this school year. We will also be given tips and pointers on how you can better support learning at home. A flyer will follow soon, but please mark your calendars!!

**School Start Time:**
School starts at 7:40 every morning. That means we want students in their seats when the 7:40 bell rings. We open doors at 7:20 and there is minimal traffic from 7:20 through 7:35. Recently, at 7:40 the traffic has backed up causing students to be late. We will not continue to keep the door open past 7:40 and students who are not in the building at 7:40 will be marked tardy. Students are losing learning time when they arrive past 7:40 Please take traffic into consideration when getting students to school on time. Thank you!

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