

The Silvia Spotlight

From the Principal:

Dear Silvia Families,

We will be using [The Silvia Spotlight](#) as a weekly communication piece with our families. Now, more than ever, it is important we are all on the same page. In addition, we want to get families information in an organized and timely manner and this weekly update will help with that.

Congratulations to Cohort C who finished their first full week of in-person learning today!! We acknowledge the challenge it is for these students to be remote one week and then come back the following week for in-person learning. However, the students worked very hard at whole school and whole class procedures while at the same time learning and using new content in the four main academic areas.

We welcomed Cohort C kindergartners to Silvia this week. The students did an amazing job learning new procedures and practices. In addition, thank you to the kindergarten staff for all their hard work supporting our students and each other!

Another form of communication is the Silvia Twitter page found [HERE](#). The handle name is @FRPS_Silvia.

We hope this finds you all well and please continue to communicate with us if you have questions, concerns, or feedback.

Sincerely,

Patrick Lenz

Supporting Families in Need with Food

If your family could benefit from support with groceries and food please reach out to the school adjustment counselors. Our school and community has several resources that they can link you to. Mr. Arruda can be reached at jamesarruda@fallriverschools.org and Mrs. Michel can be reached at kmichel@fallriverschools.org

News and Updates

We Are All In This Together Wednesdays:

Every Wednesday in October we will have Virtual Spirit Days. Please see the themes and schedule on page 3 of The Spotlight.

Silvia STAR Behavior Matrix:

At Silvia School, we work to be as consistent a team as possible. One tool we use is a behavior matrix. The matrix gives staff and students a clear and consistent set of expectations that go beyond just the classroom. We have updated our matrix this year to address both COVID related safety precautions and remote learning.



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We use our Silvia School Creed to set overarching behavioral expectations. *At Silvia School, we expect students to Stay Safe, Treat others with Kindness, Always do their Best, and Respect themselves, others and our school.* Our matrix then explicitly addresses what this looks like throughout areas of the building and when on a remote learning platform.

The matrix is also accompanied with lesson plans that teachers use to explicitly teach our students how to be a “Silvia Star” when it comes to behavior.

We recommend you look over our matrix [HERE](#) and talk to your child about the expectations. This will go towards building stronger home-school connections and supporting your child(ren) with being successful at school.

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Parent Handbook:

- The Silvia Parent Handbook was emailed home to families. ([HERE](#)) It is also posted on our Silvia Website found [HERE](#).



Upcoming Dates/Events:

- The week of October 5, 2020 is a Cohort D in person week and a Cohort C remote learning week.
- We will be holding a whole school **VIRTUAL Open House** on Wednesday, October 28, 2020. The Open House will begin for the whole school and then families will have time with their child(ren)'s teachers. The start of Open House will be 6:00 pm. Stay tuned for more specific information about how to connect virtually.
- Please find our school calendar [HERE](#).



Technology Updates:

- At this time, all families who were in need of a Chromebook have been contacted for pick-up. Please notify the school if you are still in need of a device.
- All grades PreK through 5 are in session. All families should have their child(ren)'s login information. If you are having struggles, your classroom teacher should be notified.

UPDATED - Drop Off Arrivals:

- **UPDATE:** We are now asking that cars pull all the way up the driveway and around the back parking lot. This is allowing less back-up on Meridian Street.
- **Please do NOT arrive at Silvia until 7:30 am.** We do not open the doors to Silvia School until 7:40 am and this past week we had cars lining up for drop off at 7:00 am. This is causing an unnecessary back up as well as preventing our staff from getting into the building.
- Please pull all the way up to the stop sign for drop-off and do **NOT** pass cars on the left.
- Please have students ready to exit the car **BEFORE** you pull up to the curb.
- **No adults should exit their cars.** There is staff outside to support with students exiting the vehicle and entering the building. If you have a child lock, please let a staff member know and they can open the door for your child(ren).
- Find "Arrival and Dismissal Procedures" [HERE](#).

Wellness Update:

1. Please remember to perform a "wellness check" on your children every morning for any signs of COVID-like symptoms before sending them to school or to the bus stop. This should become part of your daily morning routine. A symptom checklist can be found on FRPS website ([HERE](#)).
2. It is important to always keep your child home if they are sick for any reason.
3. It is equally important to keep your child home if your child has been exposed to anyone who has tested positive.
4. If anyone in your household is sick and has tested positive or is waiting for test results, keep your child/children home even if they are not showing any signs of illness, get all children tested, and contact your school nurse.

Together, we all share the responsibility to keep our students and our school community healthy and safe.

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We're all in this together - Wednesdays!
Silvia Virtual Spirit Days
October 2020



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Wednesday, October 7

Wellness Wednesday!
Let's work hard together and then get active.
Dress to represent your favorite team, sport or wellness activity!

Wednesday, October 14

Pajama Day
Log in to your class in your favorite comfy clothes today!

Wednesday, October 21

Wacky Hair or Hat Day
Show off your wackiest hair or favorite hat!

Wednesday, October 28:

Costume Day!
Today is your day to dress to impress! Dress as a character of your choice or create your own costume. Please make sure it's school appropriate and mask free during your Google meet.

Show your Silvia Spirit each Wednesday by logging into your Google meets dressed in theme.
Pictures can be shared on our twitter page @frps_Silvia or by emailing jamesarruda@fallriversschools.org or kmichel@fallriversschools.org .

We will use the hashtag **#SilviaSpirit2020**

**Pictures shared may be posted on our website, twitter or virtual school assemblies*

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