From the Principal:

Dear Silvia Families,

This week we welcomed November into our 2020 year. It is hard to believe we have entered our third month of the school year! It has truly been a whole Silvia community effort to get school open and maintain a safe learning environment for our students, your children, to learn and grow both academically and socially and emotionally. A big SHOUT-OUT to our Silvia staff and to all of you, our parents and guardians, for working together in the best interest of the children.

Please continue to reinforce at home the practices we have put into place to support our students and staff with being safe and healthy. A reminder that our whole school orientation video (HERE) and our whole school open house video (HERE) are great resources to refer to when it comes to the safety measures we have put into place at school.

I wrapped up my first round of read alouds with cohort B students. It was great to see so many smiling faces. Thank you to all of our cohort B teachers, families and students for their continued efforts as they learn totally remote. As I told the students the last two weeks, we are proud of those who are giving their best in a challenging situation. Keep it up!!

On Friday, November 13th and 20th we will have our STAR student assemblies for cohorts A, C and D. On a variety of dates over the next two weeks, we will have STAR assemblies with our cohort B students. Cohort B families, please look out for communication from your classroom teacher about when your assembly will be held.

Wishing all a wonderful weekend!

Traveling Update RE: COVID-19:

All staff and students returning from any state that is not listed below or internationally must follow the testing or quarantine requirements outlined in Governor Baker’s travel order. Those orders include:

- Quarantine for 14 days or produce a negative COVID-19 test result that has been administered up to 72-hours prior to your arrival in Massachusetts.

Please visit HERE for more information.

As of Oct. 31, the current list of COVID-19 lower-risk states and areas includes:

- California
- District of Columbia
- Hawaii
- Maine
- New Hampshire
- New York
- Vermont
- Washington state

Please keep in mind that the low risk states are determined using a State's COVID data and the list will be updated on the State's website (the link provided above) when there is a change.

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Remote Learning Guidelines for Effectiveness and Safety:

We want to continue to be safe and productive when we are working remotely. This applies to all cohorts. As we emphasized again with students at our virtual assemblies and with families at our whole school open house, the following needs to be in place for successful and safe remote learning:

- All student cameras will be enabled unless directed otherwise by the teacher.
- Students will not utilize distracting backgrounds.
- Parents/caregivers should make every effort to limit distractions.
- Students should be engaged and attentive to synchronous sessions at all times, just as when school is in normal operation.
- Students should be seated upright and have a work space conducive to learning just as they would be during class held during normal operation.
- All Acceptable Use Policy and Student Handbook rules continue to be in effect during synchronous sessions.
- Although students will require supervision in order to participate in synchronous learning, supervising parents/caregivers shall not disrupt or interfere with the instruction in any manner. Parents/caregivers should communicate any concerns or questions to the teacher through acceptable avenues outside of the synchronous sessions.

Entering Silvia School:

We have a new system in place when entering Silvia School. Parents are only allowed into the front foyer and can speak to a staff member through a window. However, we now are able to open doors for you to enter the foyer without you touching the door. Please buzz to notify our staff you need to enter the foyer and then we will automatically open the door for you - handsfree.

Silvia Synonymizes:

Educational standards- The learning goals for what students should know and be able to do at each grade level. Educational standards help teachers ensure that their students have the skills and knowledge they need to be successful in the next grade, while also helping parents understand what academic achievements are expected of their children.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

- The week of November 9, 2020 is a Cohort C in person week and a Cohort D remote learning week.
- November 11, 2020 is NO SCHOOL for all students and staff in honor of Veterans Day.
- Superheroes of Courage - November 13 and 20, 2020
- November 25, 2020 is a half-day for students.
- November 26 and 27, 2020 are NO SCHOOL for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Please find our school calendar HERE.

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Appropriate Cold Weather Dress Required:

- As we are getting into the colder months, it is imperative that students come to school prepared for outdoor recess.

- We plan on going outside as much as possible. If the temperature falls below 32 degrees Fahrenheit or if there is inclement weather we will have indoor recess.

- To support your child with being comfortable at recess please dress your child in the following:
  - Winter coat
  - Closed shoes or boots
  - Stocking caps and gloves are recommended

- If you are in need of winter coat(s) and/or outdoor gear, please do not hesitate to reach out to our student adjustment counselors, Ms. Michel and Mr. Arudda via email or phone call to Silvia.

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Technology Updates:

- If you are in need of a Chromebook for remote learning, please contact the Silvia office and set up a time to pick-up.
- If you are in need of a hotspot for remote learning, please contact the Silvia office so we can put in an order.

Superheroes of Courage on Friday, November 13th and 20th...See flyer on page below for details…

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FALL RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SUPERHEROES OF COURAGE

Dress in your favorite superhero shirt, socks, etc. A Superhero can be a relative, essential worker or a character from a book

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 13TH & 20TH

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