

# The Silvia Spotlight

## From the Principal:

Dear Silvia Families,

We had quite the week here at Silvia after coming off of an extended Thanksgiving break. The decision was made at a district level to shift to a modified-hybrid model starting on Monday, December 7, 2020. This was communicated to all families over the Thanksgiving break. In addition, we had pick-up for remote learning resources for cohort C students. Cohort D students will be sent home with the same resources on Friday, December 2, 2020. If you are still in need of these resources, please collaborate with your classroom teacher on pick-up.

Cohort A students will continue with their same hybrid-model schedule. In addition, cohort A students' busing will remain the same in terms of district-provided transportation to school.

All students are expected to participate in daily schedules set by teachers that follow our school hours of 7:40 am - 1:57 pm. Students in cohort A and B will continue to learn as they have since the opening of school. Students in cohorts C and D will be engaged in remote learning every day of the week. This will include direct instruction, small group work, independent work, lunch and recess break, and specialists blocks. It is imperative that you set your child up for success by securing an appropriate place for him/her to learn (see below "Remote Learning Guidelines for Effectiveness and Safety").

As always, thank you for your support and do not hesitate to contact me directly with any questions or concerns.



## Shift to Modified-Hybrid:

Starting Monday, December 7, 2020, FRPS is making a shift to modified-hybrid learning.

**Cohort A** students will be in school for in person learning on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

**Cohort B** students will continue to participate in full remote learning from Mondays - Fridays.

**Cohort C/D** students will be remote learning until January 4th.

**All students** will participate in remote learning activities on Wednesdays.

## Grab and Go Breakfast and Lunch:

We have Grab and Go breakfast and lunch every Tuesday and Friday from 10am to 12 and 4pm to 6. Families receive a week's worth of breakfast and lunches.

The location at Silvia is at the cafeteria doors. When facing Silvia, the location of the cafeteria doors is on the right side of the building. All are welcome. Please see the flyer below (PAGE 4) for details and additional locations.



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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.

<b>BE PREPARED</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be on time.</li><li>• Find a quiet learning place.</li><li>• Have your materials ready.</li></ul>	<b>BE PRESENTABLE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Keep your camera on and still.</li><li>• Sit up and in camera view.</li><li>• Dress appropriately.</li></ul>
<b>SPEAKING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stay on mute.</li><li>• Raise your hand for questions and to share.</li><li>• Stay on topic.</li></ul>	<b>PARTICIPATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be focused and pay attention.</li><li>• Ask and answer questions.</li><li>• Actively participate.</li></ul>
<b>BE RESPECTFUL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Listen with your eyes, ears, and body.</li><li>• Use appropriate comments and gestures.</li></ul>	<b>USE SIGNALS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• "Yes" / "I agree"</li><li>• "No" / "I disagree"</li><li>• "I agree"</li></ul>

## Snow Day Shifts:

In the event of inclement weather, the Superintendent will make a determination:



- to conduct school as normal within the hybrid model
- to have a 2-hour delayed opening of the regularly scheduled hybrid day
- or to close school and move to fully remote learning for all students

In the event of closing schools and moving to fully remote in response to inclement weather, all schools will shift to a 9:00 am to 2:00 pm schedule. Teachers will communicate with classes in terms of the schedule for the day.

## Silvia Synonymizes:

### Project-Based Learning (PBL):

One of the key trends in education today is a push for a more student-centered approach to learning. Project-based learning (PBL) has emerged as a popular strategy to achieve this. With a PBL curriculum, learning is based around completing a real-world task or solving a problem instead of merely memorizing information. For example, instead of simply reading a textbook about the negative effects of water pollution, students could be tasked with organizing a river clean-up in their community. This model helps many students see more of a “point” to their learning and, in turn, engage with the material on a deeper, more engaged level. PBL also offers valuable opportunities for students to direct their own learning by choosing the project(s) they will complete.

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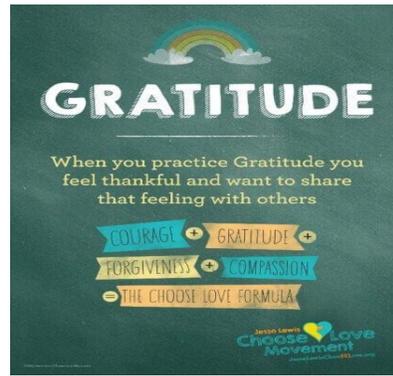


## Upcoming Dates/Events:

- Monday, December 7, 2020 - Wednesday, December 23, 2020, FRPS makes a shift to reduced in-person learning.
- Wednesday, December 23, 2020 is a half-day.
- Thursday, December 24, 2020 - Sunday, January 3, 2021 is School Vacation.
- Please find our school calendar [HERE](#).

## Teacher Webpages:

Many of our teachers have set up webpages to support with communication and remote learning. These sites offer a wealth of resources. Please check them out on the Silvia site under the “Academics” tab or by clicking [HERE](#).



## Choose Love Focus-

## GRATITUDE:

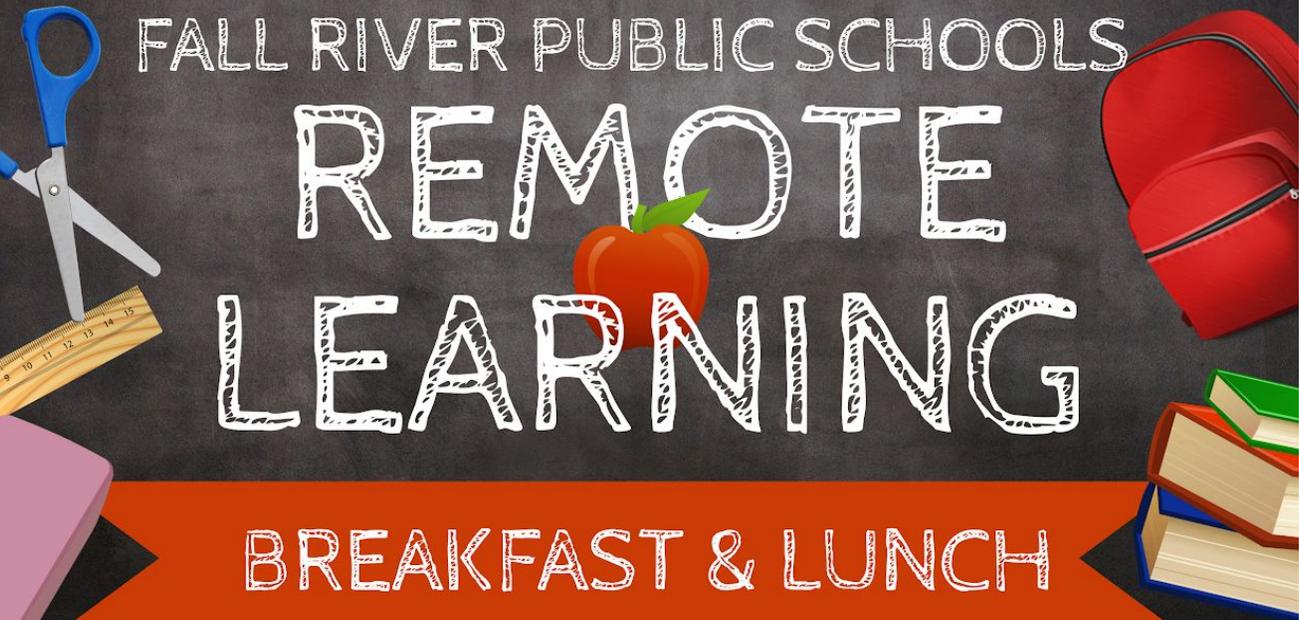
During the next few months we will be learning about the Choose Love trait of Gratitude. Students in all grade levels will learn about Gratitude through lessons, morning meetings, connections to literature, writing assignments and class projects. Preschool students learned about gratitude and identified what they are thankful for through this awesome art project.



*Our PreK students made a beautiful turkey with feathers of gratitude*

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REMOTE  
LEARNING

BREAKFAST & LUNCH

**TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS**

**10AM-12PM & 4PM-6PM**

**AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:**

**DURFEE  
TALBOT  
SILVIA  
VIVEIROS  
HENRY LORD  
FONSECA**

**GRAB  
&  
GO**

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